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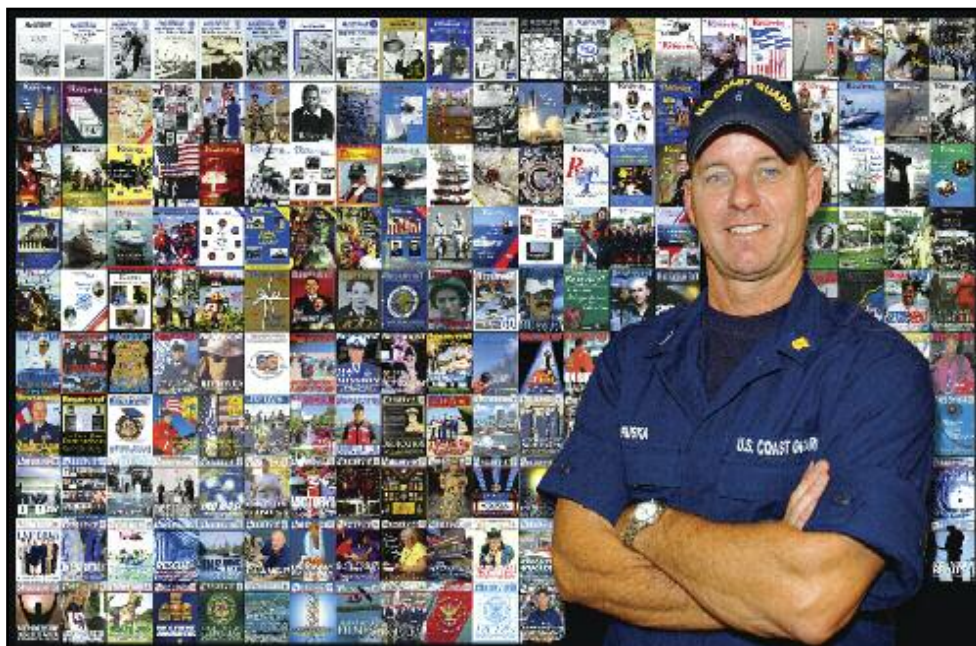


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and this is his last issue.



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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This column is normally reserved for “Ed’s Notes,” wherein he tells readers about all of the exciting articles in the magazine. I’ve taken the liberty of commandeering this column to say farewell to Ed and to publicly recognize him for his outstanding work as *THE RESERVIST*’s Editor-In-Chief for the last two decades. His departure marks the end of an era, so to speak; so we decided to feature him on the cover of this issue as a tribute to Ed and all of the great work he has done for the magazine and for the Coast Guard Reserve Program over these past 20 years. As a farewell salute, our Creative Director, Chris Rose, designed the cover to feature every issue of *THE RESERVIST* Ed has published, 163 in all.

I first met Ed when he was a 2nd Class Petty Officer and I was a young Lieutenant writing about the reserves at my unit. He helped me put the article together and it was featured in *THE RESERVIST* Magazine. We’ve worked together many times since and you will not find a more dedicated, enthusiastic, and finer person than Ed! During his tenure, he has transformed *THE RESERVIST* into a full-color magazine, featuring regular columns such as “A View From The Bridge” and “On Deck.” He took great care to ensure the Bulletin Board announced upcoming special events, reunions and other information that is important to you. Ed’s passion for the Reserve community continuously shined through in his editorial work. He personally and wholeheartedly took interest in your accomplishments and highlighted them by publishing your written and photographic submissions in *THE RESERVIST*. Ed also took great strides to develop and publish special issues that provided in-depth coverage of high-interest topics such as uniforms, benefits and retirement. Most recently, he published the Modernization special issue, covering current organizational changes occurring throughout the Coast Guard including a personal interview with ADM Allen. Through these special issues, Ed brilliantly created unofficial references for the entire Coast Guard community.

This year marks Ed’s twentieth year of active service, and a big change for the magazine. As this issue goes to print, Ed has accepted new ADOS-RC orders, where he will work on a historical documentation project for the CG-13 Directorate. *THE RESERVIST* writer/editor position will soon be filled by a civilian who will continue our efforts of producing a high-quality publication that you have come to expect and enjoy.

Ed, thank you for 20 years of *THE RESERVIST*! You are simply the best, and truly an “Icon” for our Reserve Program. We wish you and your family the very best in the future!

— RDML D. R. May
Director of Reserve and Training

A FINAL NOTE FROM ED

First, Lasts & Milestones Galore

Well, shipmates, this is really one heck of a landmark issue! And it’s a bittersweet one for PS personnel and for me personally, as you’ll read. There are many first, lasts and milestones noted throughout the pages of this one. You see, the port security specialist (PS) rating is going away — very soon! The PS rating, an all Reserve rating, has been around for years but is being melded into the new Maritime Enforcement



PA1 Edward J. Kruska,
*Hard at work on the
magazine.*

Specialist (ME) rating. The last PS “A” School graduated from Training Center Yorktown on Sept. 4 and the school was officially decommissioned that day as well. Kind of sad, eh? Especially for you PS’s out there across the nation. But what a great legacy you have earned!

Our District spotlight journey is also ending. We began in D17 back in early 2008 and worked our way backward through all nine districts. So the First

(District) shall be last and is featured in this issue to close out this long but informative series. Thank you to all who contributed and wrote articles for their district.

Many of you remember Training Center Yorktown when it was Reserve Training Center Yorktown. Well, July

2009 marked the 50th anniversary of the training center and we’ve highlighted it with a nice, big feature story as a way to say “congratulations” for all the great work that’s been done there over the years. A time capsule was unearthed at Yorktown in July from 1984 — what a great idea that was — the brainchild of retired RADM John Faigle, who served as commanding officer of Yorktown back in 1984. Some of the artifacts from 1984 were displayed for the Training Center’s 50th anniversary. The time capsule is now set back in the ground until 2034 for the 75th



**PAC Kruska, in the prior nerve
center of *THE RESERVIST*
magazine, celebrates issue 100
in January 2001.**



PAC Kruska, interviewing then Commandant ADM Robert Kramek

anniversary of Yorktown. Speaking of RADM Faigle, back in the late 1980s, as Chief, Office of Readiness & Reserve, he had a vision to upgrade THE RESERVIST from a newsletter to a magazine. At that time, I had only been in the Reserve program two years, was drilling at Reserve Group Fifth District, and was finishing up my master's degree thesis (on the Coast Guard, of course). One summer day in 1989 during a Reserve drill, my then Deputy Group Commander, LCDR Paul Redmond, mentioned to me that they were looking for an editor of THE RESERVIST to turn the publication back into a magazine. He thought (and I

agreed) that the job looked like a good fit for me. I then interviewed with Dr. J. Donald Cotter, Division Chief of HQ's Reserve Staff (G-RS-1). He was a great mentor for a "boot" Coastie like me coming on board to work at Headquarters. Still a newlywed with our honeymoon bags barely unpacked, my wife, Lisa, and I packed up and moved to the Washington, D.C. area — and never looked back!

My first day on board was Monday, Oct. 2, 1989; two weeks later, then LCDR Louis M. Farrell (now retired CAPT), my first Division Chief in the old G-RS-1, was on board. Under his tutelage, things REALLY got rolling at THE RESERVIST, the pace picked up and the journey began. Thanks to these four key people for their advice and encouragement in the "early days" of my journey. They really set the bar high along with a positive tone for many great issues of THE RESERVIST and always exciting days that followed through the 1990s and right up to this issue. There are MANY more Coasties I've met along the way (you know who you are) and I will say, we have some of the finest Americans I've ever met wearing Coast Guard blue! We really do!



PAC Kruska, Aboard the CGC EAGLE, with the first Reserve boot camp class.

One person in particular has helped this magazine make tremendous strides. When Mr. Chris Rose came on board in summer 1998, I was a Chief and he was a PA3. He was tasked with the layout and graphics for the magazine, while I continued writing and working on other editorial duties (trust me, there's NEVER a lack of things to do when you're working on a national magazine). It was the beginning of a great team

here at THE RESERVIST, and things skyrocketed for the better. It's been a real pleasure working with a guy who I consider to be a creative genius — and the entire Coast Guard and Reserve has benefited from his expertise, genius, and passion for our Coast Guard. Thanks, Chris, for all you've done the last 11 years and continue to do every day.

Now my journey at THE RESERVIST is coming to an end. This is my last issue as editor of THE RESERVIST (barring some unforeseen circumstance, of course). My immediate plan is to continue serving on active duty in a different capacity. I won't bore you with the magazine details of the last 20 years — it's all online anyway, thanks to our archiving project of 2008. It is a bittersweet time but I can say it's been an incredible journey publishing 163 issues and nearly 5,000 pages of THE RESERVIST over the years. And I NEVER minded coming to work — even on Mondays! How weird is that, eh? I'm departing very proud of what's been accomplished and can truly say I've been blessed and had the "time of my life." But unfortunately, all good things have to end some time and my time is up here at THE RESERVIST.

I would like to close by echoing the words RADM Faigle (there's that name again) used in his farewell "View from the Bridge" in May 1991 as he departed the Reserve program for his new assignment: "Do not consider me as having left the Reserve program; rather, remember that we will always be members of the same, great Coast Guard. As such, you will always receive my strongest and unwavering support."

Farewell and Semper Paratus!

Edward J. Kruska



PAC Kruska, with wife Lisa, at his re-enlistment ceremony officiated by then Commandant ADM James M. Loy, Aug. 4, 2001, in Grand Haven, Mich.



PAC Kruska, planning for his first ever complete tour of Summerstock stations.



Remembering RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks

RADM Sparks was one of a kind. He was a loving family man, a true patriot, a real legend, and a dear friend whom I've known since 1977, when I enlisted in the USCGR. I have some very fond memories of him, especially the time he sent me a peanut butter sandwich about five years ago. "I want to make sure you have enough to eat!" he laughed when I called to thank him. Then, I reciprocated by surprising him with a peanut butter sandwich under a silver dome a few months later at his ROA Convention in Texas! Catering delivered this fare...on a damask tablecloth with a glass of milk! It was truly a sweet scene as they wheeled in the cart to a bemused Admiral Sparks! There are so many lovely stories we have about our icon — Admiral Sparks. He will be sorely missed!

— PA1 Spring de Haviland, USCGR
Santa Monica, Calif.

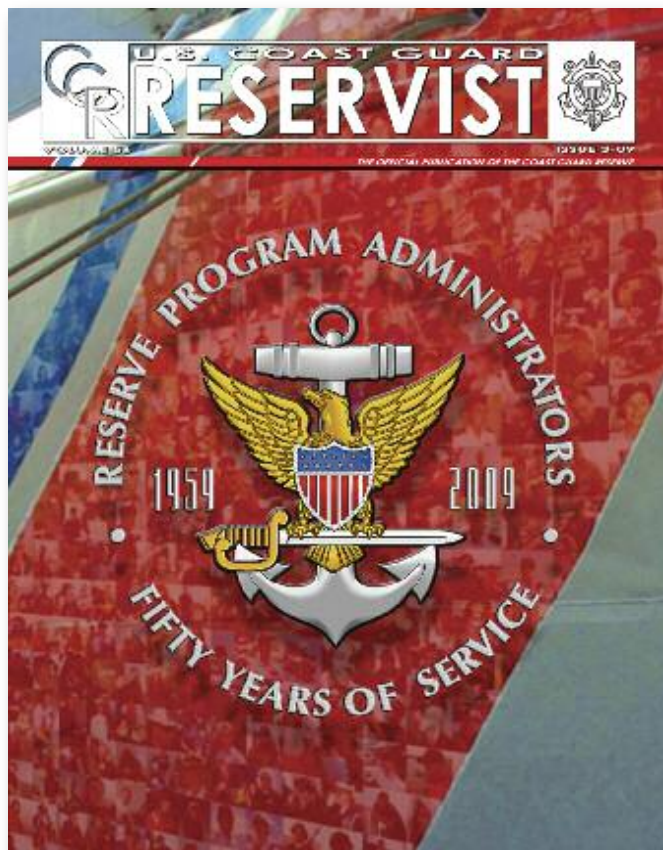
RPA 50th Reunion

As a former eight-year RPA, retired for 17 years now, I wanted to write and commend you on your fine articles about the Reserve program and the [RPA] reunion (Issue 3-09). I still keep up with the program, its officers and the entire Coast Guard.

I served for three years on Governors Island with ADM Allen when he was a lieutenant commander and I a lieutenant, and have enjoyed watching his progress to the top. I also worked for RADM Steve Rochon, now Chief Usher at the White House, for a brief time in HQ back when he was a lieutenant commander. Having worked with or for most of the officers in the photo on page 33, I enjoyed reading each of their names and picking each face out, matching it to a name and remembering what a good influence they each had on me. As a matter of fact, CAPT Jane Hartley was my first commanding officer when I joined the Coast Guard Reserve program and drilled in Elizabeth City, N.C.

I am truly sorry that I did not know about the reunion until I read your article. I would love to have attended. I will enjoy reading and re-reading it and reuniting vicariously through your article.

— Charles B. Godwin
Garner, N.C.



Remember CGR History

In previous editions of THE RESERVIST magazine, articles were published that dealt with past eras of the Coast Guard Reserve. I believe it is important to give present members a historical perspective regarding the Coast Guard Reserve, which these articles did very well. I enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in June 1957. Shipmates that served in a long past era have a story to tell that will give perspective to those who serve today. The "Old Guard's" stories should be published, in my opinion, for the benefit of all present members, and their appreciation of those who went before.

— HTC Arthur "Chips"
Iglesias, USNR(Ret.)
Johnson City, Texas

Ed's note: Chief, I agree that history is important. That's

why we are always publishing historical pieces, including the recent (Issue 3-09) on the Reserve Program Administrators' 50th anniversary. And this issue includes a lengthy piece on Training Center Yorktown's 50th anniversary. Hopefully, THE RESERVIST will continue to do so in the future.

Thanks from Fleet Reserve Association

Just saw the most recent edition of THE RESERVIST, and appreciate you including the photo of Commandant Allen with Fleet Reserve Association's Executive Director, Joe Barnes (Issue 4-09, Page 12). I learned this year that our USCG Caucus breakfast is really the only time the Caucus gets together, so we feel particularly honored to play a part.

— Lauren Armstrong, FRA
Alexandria, Va.

Where Are They Now?

I read with interest the letter by LCDR James M. Shackel, USCGR(Ret.) published in the "Letters" section of THE RESERVIST, Issue 4-09. LCDR Shackel's information regarding the first five chiefs to be advanced to senior chief petty officer may be a bit off. I was promoted to SCPO effective Jan. 1, 1971. I was attached to OTRUPS 11-82727 at the time of promotion. I don't recall how many other chiefs were promoted to SCPO in 1971, but remember that it was very few. Subsequently, I was one of the first two SCPOs promoted to MCPO (effective Sept. 1, 1973).

— YNCM Richard Zentner (Ret.)
Yorba Linda, Calif.

Ed's note: *Thanks for your letter! We also heard from several Coasties nationwide about this photo, including SCPO Stanley Gumm, now 78, of Oak Creek, Wis., who was in the photo. Gumm said of the five senior chiefs pictured, he believes all the others have since passed away although he can't be sure of SCPO Kimpel, who he lost touch with years ago.*

Armed Services and Lengths of Service

I read your response to the question under "Armed Services and Lengths of Service" in Issue 4-09, Page 5, Ed's note. You stated, "the five year phase-out plan was implemented to return to normal policy and manage the advancement opportunities for junior personnel."

When I enlisted in the Reserve in June 1981 (after serving on active duty 1971-75), I was told by my recruiter and others, that as a reservist, you will have full medical coverage for you and your dependents for life, and you can drill until the age of 60 no matter how many years you have! So when did this become the "normal policy?"

Also, I can think of at least five better qualified MCPOs presently serving, so why are some of our senior enlisted leadership, who are the leading proponents of the 30-year phase-out, and well over 30 years service, still on duty? What does this say about our leadership and Coast Guard leadership in general?

— CWO Daniel J. Piszczatoski, USCGR
Wayne, N.J.

Ed's note: *The policy has always been flexible and has been adapted to match the needs of the service and maximize the overall end strength of the Reserve. There are waivers for both the 30 years of service and the 60 years of age mandatory retirements, but in order to ensure that there is upward mobility and population within the ranks these policies have always been modified to meet the ever-changing service needs. Medical coverage for you and your dependents (if you're still in a drilling status) is still available with Tricare Reserve Select and for life when you enter Ret.1 status.*

CGR Medical 101

After retiring in 2006, I thought I was finished with the Coast Guard and was surprised to continue receiving THE RESERVIST. I now look forward to receiving it and am amazed that it has developed into such a fine pub. The article on CGR Medical (Issue 3-09), authored by CWO4 Evers, was excellent and way overdue. I speak from personal experience when I say that Ms. Evers is the finest I have run across in many a year. She has now extended her reach beyond the 7th District and is helping all reservists navigate the channel through the fog of medical.

— MKC Dennis Dunn,
USCGR(Ret.)
Holly Hill, FL

Thank you for publishing the article on CGR Medical 101. Entitlement to medical for an injury incurred on duty is a very real and significant issue facing reservists. The article is an excellent preliminary reference for what can be a complex issue. Another useful piece of information

might be an explanation of what constitutes "Line of Duty" for purposes of the entitlement to medical care as this will directly affect the availability of benefits. Finally, there are two references to the "Reserve Personnel Manual" on Page 35. Should this read "Reserve Policy Manual?"

— LTJG Mario Fernandez
Alameda, Calif.

Ed's note: *Thanks, LTJG, for your thoughts and the RPM correction. It should have stated "Reserve Policy Manual." Good catch!*

CGR Medical 101 provided good information for those reservists still serving. One more step should be taken by an injured reservist: Keep Your Own File on Your Injury! After retirement (RET-1 or RET-2), you may need the services of the Veterans Administration. They are very much dedicated to assisting veterans. But, as has historically been the case with many of our active duty components, many VA personnel are unfamiliar with the fact that reservists may become eligible for Veterans benefits through Extended Active Duty, active duty prior to joining the Reserve component, or by being injured while on Reserve duty (ADT/IDT/ADSW).

Keeping your own file complete and up to date is a key to receiving VA benefits. The first document that you will need is an accurate DD Form 214 that shows you served 24 consecutive months of Active Duty during your Reserve career, which qualifies you as a Veteran. If you have an injury or duty related illness, make sure your copy of your medical and personnel file document the injury and your treatment.

If you have an injury or duty related illness while serving less than 24 months Active Duty, again your DD Form 214 and injury documentation showing your injury/illness to be tied with your ADT are the key. With injury/illness while performing Reserve activity, again documentation is key to getting VA benefits.

It is very important that the reservist plan ahead when approaching retirement if they believe they are eligible for VA benefits. First, attend a Transitional Assistance Program class at your nearest military installation offering the program well in advance of your retirement date. TAP will provide valuable information about retirement benefits as well as VA benefits. Make copies for your file as you go along, but verify your information at least one more time before you depart.

You should file for VA benefits in advance of your retirement date. This can be done on-line, but be ready — it may take a while to complete. For disability benefits, you may wait two to three months for your disability evaluation to be authorized and an evaluation appointment to be scheduled. During this process, you will be asked for all that documentation you have been putting together throughout your USCGR career. Having it all put together, ready, and available will significantly reduce hassles.

— MSTCS R. L "Russ" Hoyser, USCGR (Ret.)
Southaven, Miss.

A large number of us can relate to MST2 Halliwell's experiences of getting blown off by administrative

personnel. It is extremely annoying when those who are supposed to be taking care of reservists' paperwork continually put our issues on the back burner until it is too late.

Unfortunately, there appears to be a lack of accountability when errors like this are made. A simple oversight like the one MST2 had to deal with can be very devastating to the member personally. I would not be surprised if nobody was held accountable for the oversights that could have led to terrible consequences for MST2 Halliwell.

I fully understand that the vast majority of admin personnel are stellar performers who take their jobs seriously. But for those who do not take members' issues seriously, the repercussions for the member can be very costly. Let's hope that those in charge take notice and hold people accountable for their mistakes, and errors like the one MST2 had to deal with don't happen in the future.

— PS2 Richard Schiffer, USCGR
Station Seattle, Wash.

Are You Ready For Retirement?

Are you ready for the RET-1 stage of your life? Let me provide a few words of advice as you approach that magic time. First off, it's not automatic that the Pay and Personnel Center (PPC) will be anxiously awaiting your 60th birthday and start sending you checks. Second, do not assume that just because you are in DEERS that you will be all set on your 60th birthday to get your blue ID card, and your checks.

I recommend contacting PPC at least six months prior to your 60th birthday telling them that you're about to become ancient, i.e. 60. They will send you a complete retirement request package that needs to be carefully read, and there are several forms that need to be properly completed. I further recommend that you mail these back to PPC not less than 90-days from your actual RET-1. If you were active duty and received separation or severance pay, you need to send them a copy of your DD-214CG that notates that fact...yes, the government wants their money back if you are going to be receiving retired pay.

Finally, DEERS! When I went for my blue ID card, a recent update to DEERS had dropped the military time of many of us who were now working as civilians for the Coast Guard. Check with the closest DEERS facility, two weeks ahead of retirement date, to ensure that your military time is in the system, and is accurate.

Sticking with the above can save you time, effort, and trouble, and ensure you start getting your retired pay on schedule. Mine has come like clockwork (so far), so it was worth the little bit of effort put forth.

Congratulations to future RET-1ers. My military ride is officially over, and I am proud to have served over the years with just about everyone that I met and was associated with in the Coast Guard. My work at CGHQ continues to be...well, challenging, but I'm privileged to be working with a lot of good people up here who are doing great work for the Coast Guard and our great nation. Semper Paratus!

— LCDR Samuel J. Korson, USCGR(Ret.)
Washington, D.C.

Ed's note: *Thanks for the great retirement advice, LCDR Korson. By the way, LCDR Korson penned a series of retirement articles in the early 1980s that has been updated and reprinted several times during the last 25 years in THE RESERVIST. That's called making a difference and having an impact! Enjoy your retirement, LCDR, and thanks again for sharing your valuable experiences and information with all of us.*

Definition of Veteran?

According to the Veterans Affairs people, a reservist is not a veteran unless they served more than six months on active duty (not including ADT). Further, there is no exception or provision for a retired reservist. Yet my retired ID card does not say reservist, it does entitle me to TRICARE for life health and TRICARE dental insurance and, of course, access to military facilities.

It seems a shame that a reservist, who through no fault of their own, did not serve more than six months active duty and numerous two-three week ADT tours over 27-plus years is not a "veteran." It is a shame when a federal agency does not recognize the reservist who puts in over 20 years and retires. Do you know if this is correct, or was the VA representative incorrect?

— LCDR D. A Quick, USCGR (Ret.)
Ridgeway, S.C.

Ed's note: *This is an excellent but surprisingly tough question to get a definitive answer when researching. There is no standardized legal definition of "military veteran" in the United States. Each time Congress passes a new veteran benefit, they included eligibility requirements for that particular benefit. Your veteran status depends entirely upon which veteran program or benefit you're applying for. The Department of Veterans Affairs website has an eligibility calculator to verify your medical eligibility (www.va.gov/healtheligibility/eligibility/DetermineEligibility.asp) or, obtain a Certificate of Veteran Status from the Veteran Benefits Administration (VA Form 26-8261a).*

Corrections/Clarifications

The ISC Portsmouth (pf) article in Issue 4-09 (Page 29) was written by Mr. Lehan Crane, not LCDR Jennifer Grzelak-Ledoux. • "In Memoriam" was misspelled "In Memorium" in the salute to RADM Bennett S. "Bud" Sparks in Issue 4-09, Page 32. • A clarification is in order in regards to the article on MCPO Robert T. Delgado, Issue 4-09, Page 24. It stated that, "In April 2009, with 39 years of service..." This was not to imply that MCPO had served 39 years straight through; the 39-year period included split service in between service years. • We deeply regret these errors.



WASHINGTON - Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen, Vice Adm. Vivien Crea, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Vice Commandant David Pekoske pose for a group photo following the Vice Commandant Change of Watch Ceremony at Coast Guard Telecommunications and Information Systems Command, Friday, Aug. 7 2009. Pekoske relieved Crea as Vice Commandant during the ceremony. Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Kip Wadlow





BALTIMORE - Admiral Thad Allen, commandant of the Coast Guard, and Congressman Elijah Cummings, chairman of the House subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, presents the Coast Guard Medal to Petty Officer 1st Class Lavelas Luckey, (see issue 3-09, page 15) a reservist at the Engineering Logistics Center in Curtis Bay, Md. during an official ceremony Wednesday, August 5, 2009 in Baltimore. "It is important that we recognize when our people do important things, and we are here to do that today for Petty Officer Luckey," said Allen. "We are very, very proud of you."

"Far too often we look to the red carpets of Hollywood and our local football stadiums to find our heroes while overlooking the individuals who perform truly heroic actions in our own neighborhoods," said Cummings. "I take my hat off to Petty Officer Lavelas Luckey for his act of bravery. It is fitting today that we honor him." Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandyn Hill



YORKTOWN, Va. - Petty Officer 1st Class April Storle, Master Chief Petty Officer Mark Pearson, Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Myers and Lt. Melissa Curran lower a time capsule during the training centers 50th anniversary celebration at Yorktown Thursday, July 24, 2009. The time capsule that was buried 25 years ago was unearthed in order to place its contents on display and to place new items in the capsule. Photo by Training Center Yorktown



SAN DIEGO - Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Dalager, a reservist at the Aids to Navigation Team, San Diego, sings God Bless America at the San Diego Padres baseball game, July 4th. The stadium was sold out as more than 42,000 fans attended the Fourth of July event.
Photo by PA2 Jetta H. Disco



By
RDML Steven E. Day,
USCGR

Deputy Commander
for Mobilization &
Reserve Affairs,
USCG Atlantic Area

***"I am confident
with on-going
collaboration,
teamwork, and
communication
with active and
reserve
personnel at all
levels will result
in a better
trained and
ready force..."***

What We Did Well in FY09, What We Can Do Better in FY10

Since my last View from the Bridge, I have been visiting many sectors that are clearly performing and demonstrating alignment with my article our changing Coast Guard. During the spring, I attended All Hands at Sector's Buffalo, Lake Michigan, San Juan, OINC Conference Sector Sault Ste Marie, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Also, I was present for the start or finish of boat colleges at Station's Baltimore, Md., Rochester, N.Y., Lake Worth, Fla., Port Arthur, Texas, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

My good friend Doug Krug, Co-Author of Leadership Made Simple, taught me his framework process for continuous improvement many years ago. I am going to use his "Mini-Framework," as he titles it, to present what I believe we have done well in FY09 and what we can do better in FY10, using the following examples.

What We've Done Well:

- Alignment of curricula used at boat colleges.
- Teamwork of other stations in the AOR of the boat colleges in providing resources.
- Utilization of Subject Matter Experts (SME) that included active and reserve instructors.
- Undeniable collaboration and teamwork of active and reserve members to increase qualifications, mobilization readiness, and accept personal accountability and responsibility.
- Read aheads I received prior to my visit as well as reviewing with the command during my visit clearly shows that the command is addressing member's readiness and qualifications.
- Innovative prevention and response annual as well as multi-year training plans. These training plans result in meeting qualifications and readiness within 48 drills and 12 days of active duty in each fiscal year.
- Advising District Commanders and Chiefs of Staff concerning personal metrics of SELRES assigned at the six-month point of FY09.
- Excellent interaction and discussion when addressing the active duty members assigned to the sector. Sharing my expectations as that of a reservist but also confirming my expectations from the perspective of an active duty member.
- Communicating deadline for PS to ME or another rate, completing Physical Health Assessment (PHA), BOG/Dwell, centralized boards, and know their Body Mass Index (BMI) for October.

- Informative and current newsletters from various sectors in both LANT and PAC.

What We Can Do Better:

- Expect message traffic on National MOBEX in November 2009.
- CG-131/CMC/O-6 SROs/Psr/Asr met in Denver in July to discuss and plan many Reserve issues. Outcomes of that meeting will be communicated via your Reserve chain.
- Expansion of boat college format for FY10 and beyond
- Continuous collaboration and communication with the standup of FORCECOM on June 1, 2009.
- Review Pub 1 and messages on BOG/Dwell and Centralized Boards.
- Reserve Policy Board recommendations with specific focus on training requirements, capabilities, and resources at the Sector Commander level.
- Recommendations of the Work Group to Executive Steering Committee, and to the Leadership Council concerning the Charter for Operationalizing the Reserve Force Structure consistent with the Reserve Policy Statement.
- Reviewing the competencies from the Rating Force Master Chiefs in the rates of BM, MK, MST, and OS.
- Complete 48 drills and 12 days of ADT-AT in FY09.
- All ATUs listed on the monthly Administrative Metric report achieve an overall effectiveness of 90 percent or better by the end of FY09.

I am confident with on-going collaboration, teamwork, and communication with active and reserve personnel at all levels will result in a better trained and ready force. Bravo Zulu to all on the command and personal successes to date and accepting the challenges to continue to do better in FY10 and beyond.

Welch Selected as Next Reserve Flag Officer

FAIRBORN, Ohio — CAPT John S. Welch has been selected as the next Reserve Rear Admiral (lower half).

Welch currently serves as the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Reserve Chief of Staff, overseeing the welfare and readiness of almost 5,000 Coast Guard Reserve personnel.

A 1982 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, his first assignment was as Operations Officer on the buoy tender/icebreaker CGC BRAMBLE, in Port Huron, Mich. He was a project officer for the CG Electronics Engineering Center in Wildwood, N.J. where he worked on the installation of six LORAN-C electronic navigation stations.

Accepting a Reserve commission in May 1987, he served as Training Officer for Reserve Unit Cincinnati. He then became Executive Officer of Port Security Detachment, Wheeling, W.Va., and later served as commanding officer of the same unit. From September 1995 to July 1998, he was assigned as Reserve Command Advisor for the CG Operations Systems Center, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Other assignments include Senior Duty Officer at USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and as Executive Officer of the CGRU at US Joint Forces Command. In November 2003, he was selected as the Commanding Officer of CGRU US JFCOM and also as the Commander of US JFCOM's Joint Reserve Unit, a major Department of Defense reserve unit with over 650 multi-service Reserve personnel.

Welch was recalled to active duty on five occasions: Command Staff for Midwest flood relief in 1993, TRANSCOM Liaison Officer to JFCOM during OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM in 2001, Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the National Military Command Center for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003, as the Deputy Incident Commander for Hurricane Rita Relief and Recovery in 2005, and Deputy Commander for the Deployable Operations Group in 2008-09.

His service awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, CG Commendation



Photo courtesy CAPT John S. Welch

Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, CG Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation along with many other medals and ribbons. He also earned a master's degree in systems engineering from Wright State University.

"I am greatly honored to be selected and extremely grateful to all of my shipmates for helping me achieve this milestone in my career," said Welch when asked about the selection to Reserve flag officer.

Welch and his wife, Jana, reside in Fairborn, Ohio with their two teenage daughters.

ALCOAST 395/09 gave the results of the Reserve Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Selection Board.

SPARs return to Headquarters

WASHINGTON - Coast Guard SPARs gather, Thursday August 6, 2009, at Coast Guard Headquarters. The SPARs, women noted for their many contributions to the nation during World War II, met for a luncheon and panel discussion.



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Bonder

Sector Guam is 2008 Sparks Award Winner

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sector Guam is the FY08 RADM Bennett “Bud” Sparks Award recipient.

This award is presented annually by the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States to the Coast Guard unit judged to be the most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard force demonstrated by its effective use of Coast Guard Reservists as outlined in ALCOAST 171/09.

Sector Guam demonstrated exceptional Reserve management, readiness and work force integration by focusing on the objective measures and concentrated efforts undertaken to improve them. Noteworthy initiatives included:

- Reservists are assigned to every unit and department in the sector and comprise 30 percent of the total work force in their Area of Responsibility. As a result, reservists are responsible for over 20 percent of the sector’s workload.

- Reserve readiness metrics were used to gain a more accurate picture of each reservist’s readiness posture. Sector Guam’s active duty department heads and supervisors keep the sector command informed of the progress of reservists’ training and qualifications.

- Sector Guam places strong emphasis on synchronizing reservists career progression with sector missions. Specifically, Reserve Individual Development Plans (IDP) were used by Sector Guam active duty supervisors to develop well structured mission focused professional development training plans.

- As part of the sector’s five-year Reserve mobilization plan, annual sea bag inspections and physical fitness assessments help the sector to ensure reservists are ready for ops on short notice.

- All reservists at the sector have completed their IDP resulting in attaining the highest level of readiness in D14.

Representatives of Sector Guam were presented with the award during the ROA 2009 National Convention in



Photo by CAPT Henry Plimack, USCGR(Ret.)

RDML Dan May, Director of Reserve & Training, LT Hassan Rosell, USCGR (Ret.), Sector Guam; LTJG Jay Katz, Senior Reserve Officer, Sector Guam, and RADM Mike Seward, USCGR, celebrate Sector Guam receiving the Sparks Award.

Orlando, Fla. July 10. ALCOAST 355/09 announced the winner.

“RADM Sparks was a very special leader and a great patriot,” said LTJG Jay Katz, who accepted the Sparks Award on behalf of Sector Guam. “With 47 years of service in the Coast Guard, his contributions to our country were extraordinary. It is truly an honor to receive an award bearing his name. Our Command emphasizes the Team Coast Guard spirit so I’d like to thank all the members of

Sector Guam. The reservists, active duty, auxiliarists, and civilians have made significant contributions to ensure our success as a unit. I’d also like to add a special thank you to the Reserve Officers Association for sponsoring this award and for their support of the Coast Guard Reserve.”

The award’s namesake, RADM Bennett S. “Bud” Sparks, served in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve from 1942 until

1989. He continued his strong support of the Coast Guard Reserve until he passed away June 13, 2009, at the age of 83. Originally called the Total Force Award, it was renamed in Sparks’ honor in 1993. For more information on the Sparks Award, see the Reserve Awards story in Issue 3-08 of THE RESERVIST (Page 23).



Williams Award Winner 2009

WASHINGTON, D.C. — LT Jocelyn Soriano of the Reserve Programs Division of the Office of Reserve Affairs is the 2009 recipient of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) CAPT Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Reserve Award for Excellence.

“I commend LT Soriano for her initiatives and contributions to achieve, value and manage diversity,” wrote RDML Daniel R. May, Director of Reserve & Training, in ALCOAST 356/09, which announced the award winner.

Examples of Soriano’s diversity-focused initiatives include active membership in the Coast Guard Diversity Outreach Team, promoting Coast Guard awareness, building relationships within diverse minority communities, and promoting CG career opportunities in support of the Commandant’s Diversity initiative. She is an active and loyal team member of the Coast Guard Headquarters Asian Pacific American Committee and played key roles in the planning and execution of the APA Heritage Month celebration. She has supported APA recruiting events and the Coast Guard College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative Program. Her photo has been used in recruiting advertisements enhancing the Coast Guard’s image as an employer of choice for college students of diverse cultures and backgrounds.

The award was presented at the NNOA National Conference in Houston, Texas on July 22. For more information on the Williams Award, see the Reserve Awards issue of THE RESERVIST (Issue 3-08), Page 26.



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2009 LULAC Award Winner

PS3 Jimmy Rodriguez from TACLET South was awarded the 2009 League Of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Excellence In Military Service Award at a ceremony at the 80th LULAC National Convention And Exposition In San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 16. The award recognizes the achievements of high-performing Latin Americans sailors.

As the Reserve recipient, PS3 Rodriguez provided significant contributions to the Naval training team in Umm Qsar, Iraq while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He conducted more than 45 vessel inspections, safeguarding high interest targets which serve as the backbone of the Iraqi economy. He also trained more than 30 Iraqi marines in comprehensive procedures and processes associated with maritime boardings and tactical law enforcement duties. His efforts greatly contributed to the transitional road map strategy for coalition forces



(l. to r.) PS3 Jimmy Rodriguez, the Reserve recipient; RADM Ronald J. Rábago, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition; LT Antonio Donis, the Active Duty recipient; and CAPT Robert Stohlman, Chief, Office of Diversity.

in the region.

PS3 Rodriguez also distinguished himself as a humanitarian, skillfully organizing a two day community

Photo courtesy of Mr. Mike Smith, CG Festival Executive Director

Department of Defense Announces 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Recipients

Fifteen Employers Nationwide Receive Top Honor for Guard and Reserve Support

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Department of Defense has announced the recipients of the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The 2009 recipients are: AeroDyn Wind Tunnel LLC, Mooresville, N.C.; AstraZeneca International, Wilmington, Del.; Cambridge, Mass. Fire Department, Cambridge, Mass.; Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc., North Charleston, S.C.; First Data Corporation, Greenwood Village, Colo.; FMC Technologies, Houston, Texas; Jackson Parish Sheriff's Department, Jonesboro, La.; Marks, O'Neil, O'Brien & Courtney, P.C., Wilmington, Del.; Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Wash.; Mid America Kidney Stone Association, Kansas City, Mo.; NetJets, Woodbridge, N.J.; Ohio Department of Public Safety, Columbus, Ohio; Perpetual Technologies, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.; Santa Ana Police Department, Santa Ana, Calif.; TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Ariz.

A record 3,200 National Guard and Reserve members or

their family members from across the country nominated their supportive employers for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. A national selection board comprised of senior Defense officials and business leaders selected the recipients for this year's award. The Freedom Award was presented to these employers during a formal ceremony Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. RDML Daniel R. May attended the ceremony representing the Coast Guard Reserve.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. Previous honorees include American Express, Chrysler, Sears, The Home Depot, the State of Tennessee and the family owned Augustine & Sons farm in Rose Hill, Iowa.

More information about the Freedom Award is available at www.FreedomAward.mil or by calling the ESGR office at (800) 336-4590.

— *By Maj. Melissa Phillips*

Centralized Reserve Assignments: What Have You Heard?

Hopefully, most of you have heard about the centralized reserve assignments initiative. Indeed, some of you (e.g., reserve junior officers) recently participated in the first "quasi-centralized" assignment season, which was a tag-team effort between the Personnel Service Center (formerly known as the Coast Guard Personnel Command – CGPC), the ISCs and District (Dxr) assignment officers to bridge the gap while the newly created Reserve Assignments Branch (rpm-2) was standing up.

In the near future, all assignments to Reserve Personnel Allowance List positions will be made by the Reserve Assignments Branch (rpm-2) at the Coast Guard Personnel Service Center in Arlington, Va., instead of by Assignment Officers located at ISCs and District (Dxr) commands.

Similar to the PSC-opm-2 (Officer Assignments) and epm-2 (Enlisted Assignments) branches, the recently created rpm-2 branch will be staffed with active duty detailers — primarily Reserve Program Administrators and Full-Time Support (FTS) staff — who will manage all assignment actions and career counseling functions for our Reserve officer and enlisted corps. To date, all Reserve officer assignments (including CWOs), as well as the Reserve Gold Badge and Command Chief, Senior Chief and Master Chief assignments, have been centralized to PSC-rpm-2. However, many in our SELRES workforce — primarily the junior enlisted corps — have had no experience with centralized assignments. We are certain many of you are wondering how

this initiative will impact you.

In the coming months, we hope to familiarize our readers with PSC-rpm-2, how we function, and what the centralized assignment initiative means for our SELRES workforce.

Through these communications, we also intend to assure our SELRES members that while certain aspects of reserve assignment policy may change, fundamental assignment rules such as reasonable commuting distance will still apply.

The goal of centralized assignments is fairly simple: to create a consistent, auditable process that optimizes assignment decisions across missions, programs and geography to meet Coast Guard needs. Simply put, this means that PSC-rpm-2 will have a national view of where our SELRES members work, what jobs they perform and where we have gaps that impact readiness.

Additional benefits include better career counseling for members, enhanced oversight of critical accession actions, and the opportunity to build relationships with the Coast Guard Recruiting Command and other Coast Guard units that have direct linkage with assignment functions.

The centralized assignments initiative represents change, and change creates challenges. But we are confident that we will work through these challenges and create a consistent assignment process that benefits the Coast Guard and our SELRES workforce. The staff of PSC-rpm-2 is committed to success, and we look forward to working with our SELRES workforce for many years to come.

— *The staff of PSC-rpm-2*



Opportunity Knocks at the Coast Guard Reserve Force Leaders Conference

DENVER, Colo. — More than 170 Reserve and Active Duty senior enlisted leaders gathered at the Inverness Hotel here July 25-26 to explore, collaborate and engage in dialogues on the Coast Guard's transformation affecting the Reserve program.

The third annual Senior Enlisted Reserve conference theme was "Opportunity Knocks." The theme was chosen as senior enlisted leaders are being called to the task of seeking more opportunities – for the command, for themselves, and for those whom they are responsible.

RDML Daniel May, Director of Reserve and Training (CG-13) and PSCM Jeffrey D. Smith, Master Chief of the Coast Guard Reserve Force, officially presided over the conference. Panelists and speakers included RDML Steven Day, RADM Michael Seward, CWO4(MED) Lisa Evers, Mr. Grafton "Chip" Chase, CWO(PERS4) Maureen Alexander, LT Christa Jackson, Mr. Dave Maynard, CAPT Theodore Harrop, CAPT Frank Mullen, CAPT Francis Pelkowski, MKCM Kyle Takakjian, MKCM Robert Delgado, MKC David Haydis, PSCM Thomas McCook, PSCM Darrell Odom and YNCM Mark Planitz.

"Ever since I've been in this Gold Badge job, I've thought we should interact, that we don't go off into our separate corners, have our separate discussions, that there is much to learn from one another," said MCPO Smith in his introductory remarks.

RDML May spoke about key issues concerning Active-Reserve integration during the conference, as well as priming the attendees for opportunities to speak up about their roles and responsibilities, and to communicate crucial elements of the ongoing Coast Guard Modernization. Of all the competing priorities in front of him as head of CG-13, he prioritized three initiatives to focus on: modernization of the Reserve force, communications and recruitment.

"The Coast Guard is modernizing and the Reserve Force is a big part of that plan," said May. "And part of our organizational change is RFRS [Reserve Force Readiness System]. It's all about giving operational commanders the resources they need to carry out their responsibilities."

Other discussions that generated much interest at the conference were centralization of assignments presented by LT Christa Jackson.

"We now can solve difficult issues with the end goal of having the right people in the right positions at the right time," she said.

CWO Lisa Evers explained and clarified the Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) for all in attendance. She stressed the importance of being proactive in scheduling these preventative health exams up to two months prior to the member's birth month. The end result will yield annual screenings to improve true readiness versus physical exams done every 3-5 years as in the past.

From the Office of Boat Forces (CG-731), CAPT Theodore Harrop emphasized that the Coast Guard is organizing for success by putting boat forces in the right place.

"The ME rating is in the right direction where we need to go," Harrop said. "We need to do something that is repeatable, supportable and sustainable."

One of the changes that the boat forces have enforced is sending new small boat station members to "C" school. This is a two-week pipeline course so that they're ready to "rock and roll" at their unit and ready in 12 months to be fully qualified as part of the crew.

"We're fixing our competencies and the crew's assigned billets," Harrop said "We're leveraging our training schools for reserve with active duty at 'C' schools."

In his closing remarks, MCPO Smith stressed the effectiveness of working collectively instead of individually. He also pointed to a lot of targeted opportunities and ideas challenging the audience to look for those opportunities. More importantly, he emphasized how recognition is a reciprocal process.

"Take the time to recognize juniors and seniors, even informally," he said. "Send a quick note of thanks first chance you get to mention a job well done."

MCPO Smith touched on the unique roles and challenges of reservists. He alluded to the need to grow the Reserve force as well to make them effective and productive resources as part of the Coast Guard's ongoing modernization.

— By PAC Sarah B. Foster, USCG



PSU 301 relieves PSU 311 in Middle East

CAMP PATRIOT, Kuwait – U.S. Coast Guard PSU 301 from Cape Cod, Mass. arrived in Kuwait in late June 2009 to relieve their west coast counterparts, PSU 311 from San Pedro, Calif. Members of PSU 301 were activated in early April and spent over two months planning for defense operations in support of the Commander, U.S. Central Command.

An extremely aggressive training schedule was needed to incorporate Coast Guard, Army and Navy tactics to form the joint military environment in which they would be operating. Personnel from PSU 301 trained in various locations on both the East and West Coasts in preparation for this deployment, including: Cape Cod, Mass., Fort Dix, N.J., Newport, R.I. and San Diego, Calif.

PSU 301 completed all the training requirements mandatory for all soldiers and sailors deploying to the Middle East due to the early partnership formulated between PSU 311 and PSU 301.

CDR Paul J. Smith, commanding officer of PSU 301, was a plank owner at PSU 311 and deployed to Iraq, Bahrain and Kuwait during the initial phases of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Smith and CDR Kenneth G. Stefanisin, commanding officer of PSU 311, have been working together in the Port Security community over the past 15 years. Smith and Stefanisin had already established an excellent working relationship, which led to a seamless transfer of authority that was accomplished in record time.

“PSU 311 is a mature unit with two prior Middle East deployments to their credit,” said Smith. “They have set the bar high for us, but they also spent many days of work over the past several months preparing us with all that we would need to succeed. It was an odd moment in time to relieve CDR Stefanisin and my old unit in the same camp where we all worked together six years before. It is now up to us at PSU 301 to begin our own history in the Middle East.”

PSU 301 is comprised of Coast Guardsmen and women from a wide variety of backgrounds from throughout New England and beyond. As word spread of our pending deployment, many Guardians volunteered to join PSU 301.



U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait, front center, Deborah K. Jones, and Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, front right, meet with Coast Guardsmen from Coast Guard PSU 301 at Camp Patriot, Kuwait, July 2, 2009.

Three sailors from Sector New York and one from Sector Providence requested transfer to PSU 301 in order to fill critical billet vacancies. Upon arrival, they quickly assumed leadership roles sharing the skills learned during their tenures as civilian law enforcement officers.

PS1 Christopher Pupo is a sergeant with the New York City Police Department assigned to the Emergency Service Unit. Shortly after 9/11, he joined the Coast Guard in order to help America avoid another terrorist attack and to “better serve the NYPD, Coast Guard, and the United States of America,” Pupo said. PS2 Jack Herzlinger also works as a police officer with the NYPD Emergency Services Unit.

“I wanted to show my commitment to my country,” said Herzlinger. “My family is extremely proud of my military service. This is something that I can pass down to my son to let him know about the value of service to one’s country. Freedom isn’t free. We all

need to do our part.”

PS3 Carlos Sowell, an 11-year veteran of the Connecticut State Police, also joined the Coast Guard after 9/11.

“I entered the law enforcement community because I felt it was my duty as well as my personal instinct to defend and protect the citizen’s of this country,” said Sowell. “After 9/11, I felt there was more I needed to do. Joining the Coast Guard afforded me the opportunity to fulfill my desire to serve my country in more than one capacity.”

He volunteered to join PSU 301 at the suggestion of ENS Kia Clarke, Sowell’s supervisor at Sector Southern New England. Clarke previously spent three years at PSU 301 as a Port Security Specialist in PSU 301’s Security Division.

During their deployment to Kuwait, PSU 301 is working with U.S. Navy Maritime Expeditionary Squadron Five, an active duty unit from San Diego, Calif. PSU 301 and MSRON FIVE have combined to form Command Task Group 56.5, which is responsible for landside and seaward security missions throughout the North Arabian Gulf.

— ***Story and Photo by LT David Twomey, PSU 301***

Sector LA/LB hosts visitors from China Maritime Safety Administration

LOS ANGELES — CAPT Chen and CAPT Ling, two Port State Control officers from China's Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) located in Shanghai, China, visited the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (LA/LB) in an effort to learn more about how the USCG conducts Port State Control examinations from March 21-April 3, 2009.

Since the Ports of LA/LB handle approximately 40 percent of all container freight entering the United States, it handles the majority of port calls for ships coming from China. Arranged through LCDR Andrew Williamson, PACAREA Port State Control Program Manager, the visit surrounded MSA's concern regarding the large number of substandard Chinese-flagged vessels that Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach (LA/LB) Port State Control officers had identified in the past year.

As a deep draft commercial vessel sails around the world, each port it calls at will inspect it for compliance to various international standards such as the Safety of Lives at Sea Convention, the Maritime Pollution Convention, and the International Load Line Convention, as well as its own national standards. USCG Sector LA/LB conducts approximately 36-48 Port State Control inspections every month, with reservists handling approximately 20 percent of the workload.

Fortunately, Sector LA-LB, Prevention Department had LTJG Don McLaurin, USCGR, who is conversant in Chinese and had over a year's experience learning as a Port State Control inspector "trainee." LTJG McLaurin learned Chinese as an undergraduate minor at the University of California, Irvine and is always looking for opportunities to contribute this skill to the Coast Guard since being commissioned with ROCI class 02-07. In March 2008, he was given the opportunity to serve in the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum with officials from six international coast guards in Seattle as a linguist coordinator. LTJG McLaurin's civilian occupation is a Management Assistant for the Port of Los Angeles.

The two-week visit was highlighted by eight foreign commercial vessel boardings, an Auxiliary boat tour, visits to a local boatyard, the Marine Exchange/Vessel Traffic Service, USCGC GEORGE COBB, China Class Society and China Shipping. LTJG McLaurin spent



Coast Guardsmen at Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach visit with two Port State Control officers from China's Maritime Safety Administration. Left to right: LCDR John Hennigan, LTJG Don McLaurin, CAPT Ling LiHua, CAPT Chen Lei, OSC Lindsey Bonnell, LT Stephanie Ronchetto, CWO2 Thomas Fitzgerald.

Photo courtesy LT James Dupreux, USCGR

time explaining to the visitors in their native language how the sector chain of command is structured. This was quite challenging at times, because although military rank structures are basically the same internationally, the Chinese military does not have warrant officers, which play a key role as leading Sector LA-LB Port State Control officers. Additionally, Sector LA/LB has fully qualified Auxiliary Port State inspectors, which are unheard of in China.

On the final vessel inspection of the visit, which lasted six hours due to several serious deficiencies identified by the inspection team, LTJG McLaurin explained in detail how the USCG, in contrast to other nations, reserves serious control actions such as detentions of foreign vessels for the most serious violations of international standards or U.S. laws that present a threat to the nation's ports or waterways. The Chinese officials were impressed by the professionalism and cooperative approach that the USCG utilizes when conducting Port State Control inspections. The visitors also showed USCG inspectors how they take a much more hands-on and detailed approach to technical aspects of inspections and to reviews of each vessel's documentation.

LTJG McLaurin hopes that these types of international exchanges can become commonplace among all Port State Control officers, as it is an international effort. As Sector LA-LB knows, reservists with foreign language knowledge can be a valuable asset in the Marine Safety field.

— By **LTJG Don McLaurin, USCGR**



NORTHCOM Change of Command

CAPT Kevin Old, left, CAPT Douglas Ash, center, and RADM Steven Day, right, salute during NORAD/NORTHCOM's Coast Guard Reserve Unit change of command June 17. CAPT Old relieved CAPT Ash as the unit's commanding officer. The unit has 12 members total and is located at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Aerial Reenlistment

LTJG Joshua Curtis, right, swears in MK2 Michael Caliguire, left, as he reenlists for another three years with the Pacific Strike Team in Novato, Calif. The "aerial" reenlistment occurred above the Golden Gate Bridge in an Air Station San Francisco helicopter. Both Curtis and Caliguire are reservists who serve as hazardous materials response members with the Strike Team.



Boarding in Texas

BM3 Jason Casares climbs a ladder on the vessel River Globe during a boarding during his two weeks Active Duty for Training (ADT). Casares is a reservist attached to Station South Padre Island, Texas.

A Proud Moment



Photo by MCPO Mark H. Allen, USCGR

It was definitely a case of “like father, like son” when FN Christopher Horak, center, joined the Coast Guard this past summer. His father, MKC Chris Horak, left, is a long-time Coast Guard Reservist. Here, FN Horak celebrates with his parents, Chris and Leah, following boot camp graduation at TRACEN Cape May July 17, 2009! Welcome aboard, FN Horak!

Eagle Scout Project Time Capsule



Photo courtesy MCPO Tom Cowan, USCGR

Taylor Cowan, son of MCPO Tom Cowan, USCGR, stands by his Eagle Scout Project, a geo-cache/time capsule. The time capsule, scheduled to be opened in 2083, holds many items including written thoughts from Coast Guard leaders (including the Commandant and Vice Commandant) who attended the November 2008 Senior Executive Leadership Conference in Virginia Beach, Va. More info about the geo-cache can be found at <http://geochaching.com> (Use code GC1Q4TE).

FTS SPOTLIGHT

Aidalis Mills, ISC Cleveland

Ed's note: *THE RESERVIST* is occasionally spotlighting some of the Full Time Support (FTS) personnel who work for and support our Coast Guard Reserve across the nation. This issue's spotlight is on ISC Cleveland's Ms. Aidalis Mills.

In the past six months, Ms. Aidalis Mills of the ISC Cleveland (pf) staff has been formally recognized twice for her volunteer work promoting the importance of cultural diversity.

In May, she received the 2009 National Image, Inc. Meritorious Service Award (civilian employee); and in August Mills was presented with the 2009 National Organization for Mexican-American Rights (NOMAR) Meritorious Service Award for her achievements in espousing the importance of cultural diversity. She is passionate about encouraging the developmental, educational and employment opportunities of Hispanics and other minorities within the Military (Naval) services, federal sector, and local communities.

Mills partnered with Hispanic organizations such as El Barrio/West Side Ecumenical Ministry and Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center, to bring disadvantaged minority students from the Cleveland area together with members of the Coast Guard, for mentoring and providing the students with a new perspective on their own potential. To promote diversity recruitment in the federal government, Mills serves as the ISC Cleveland and Ninth District Hispanic Emphasis Program Manager and vice-chairwoman of the Cleveland Federal Hispanic Heritage Committee. She is the first civilian to hold a regional vice-president position in the

Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) and is a member of the Multi-Agency Diversity Council. Mills also volunteers at local schools, with the Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA), and at Coast Guard outreach activities.

Mills is one of the Coast Guard Reserve's Full Time Support personnel. She began her federal service career with the Internal Revenue Service, and after 10 years, transferred to the Coast Guard. She has served at ISC Cleveland for over 12 years and is currently the Force Optimization and Training Branch Chief, responsible for the management of over 700 Reserve personnel serving in the Great Lakes Region. She will be transferring to D9 (dxr) as part of Coast Guard Modernization.





Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 03-09

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 03-09, graduated April 2, 2009, at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Camille Lau, SN Brian Mangum, PS3 Adam Goins, YN3 Daisy Brown, DC1 Christopher DeLucci, company commander.

Second row, l-r: SN Jennifer Mahn, SN Tyler Mitchell, IV1 Joseph Tajeron, SN Jeffrey Kemp, SN Michael Rivera, SN Elizabeth Bordelon. Back row, l-r: SN Jose Capiglioni, SN Robert Hardin, SN Zachary Weigel, PS2 Stephen Gregorczyk, HS2 Brian Keith, SN Mark Seal, PS2 William Bergin.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 4-09

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 4-09, graduated May 27, 2009 at TRACEN Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; YN3 Denise York, DC2 Luis Cruz, IV2 Edward Barrientos Jr., SN Gary LeGros III, SN Kaylinn Fiscus, IS1 Carlos Resendez, company commander. Back row, l-

r: SN Thomas McCullough, PS3 Steven Bechtold, PS3 Stephen Froberg, BM3 David White, SN John Hendrix, YN3 Thomas Pehrson. This class was the last for GMCS Clayton, who has been REBI School Chief for several years. Also, the REBI program is in transition and is being combined with PITSTOP and its new name will be called DEPOT.



Photo courtesy OSCM Carrie Winningham

CPO Academy Reserve Class 25 (RXXV)

Congratulations to Reserve CPO Academy Class 25, that graduated August 18, 2009, at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif. From L to R // Top to Bottom: Row 4: (Begins about mid way across photo) PSC Todd Wimmer, SKC Charles Gandy, BMC Scott Bannon, PSC Tim Lutzko, PSC Harvey Gjesdal, PSC Tim Martinsen, MSTC Brad Hardee, BMC Mike Collins, FSC Aro Ebenhan, YNC Haley McCord, BMC Paul Zarbock, MSTC Robert McNeilly. Row 3: BMC Josh Davis, MKC Jeff Kropp, ISC Jeff Feimster, PSC Pete Vickerman, PSC Shawn Frye, PSC Jonathan Campbell, IVC Mark "Nick" Wellein,

PSC Vern "Frank" Thomsen, PSC Greg Maggi, PSC Walter Duck, BMC Duncan Campbell, MKC Harvey Inman, EMC Jeffrey Bernache, MSTC John Kapsimalis, MSTC Lonnie Evans, MKC Charlie "Ike" Eisenhart, EMC Jerry Wheeler, ISC Joe Melton, BMC Mark Boivin, PSC Harold Hill, YNC Kelly Salassi, YNC Darrell White, OSC Robert Bell. Row 2: BMC Ian Bryant, MSTCM J.C. Williams, MSTC Scott Thackett, BMC Bryan Babb, PSC Jerry Maier, MKC Brian Miley, YNC Rainey Scrocco, IVC Amy Garon, BMC Saul Marcheano, MKC Eric Harding, BMC George Zitzewitz, PSC Dave Schacher, ISC Klaus

Tobitsch, FSC Tim Zastrow, BMC Paul Cormier, BMC Bryan Mastrangelo, PSC Wayne Drown, YNC Cindy Roberts, YNC Tom Collins, BMC Jon Helsley. Row 1: PSC James, Duerer, PSC Joe Becton, BMC Mike LaRouche, BMC Carroll Batino, SKC Carolyn Doan, IVC Jim Vito, MSTC Dave Nebel, SKC Sarah Hite, OSC Edwina DeWalt, PSC William Rowell, YNC Chris Ostrom, BMC Robert Mayer, PSC Charlie Erwin, BMC Tom Wietecha, EMC Dan Sargent, BMC Michael "Eric" Nielson, MKC David Sohlstrom, YNC Susan Sonsteng, IVC Kevin Stanton, MKC Jeff Elkins, Sgt Eric Murray



Photo by CWO Edward J. Kruska

PS "A" School's LAST CLASS

Class 4-09, the last class to attend PS "A" School sits in the auditorium to witness the official closing of PS "A" School. (l. to r.) 1st Row: Jerry L. Feltis, Michael J. Nishikawa, Nathan L. Pasay, Michael Rivera, Yujin S. Vasquez 2nd Row: Charles C. Altman, Nathan T. Arsenault, Nathan P. Basirico, Timothy P. Bastardo, David J. Bowen, Alexander P. Brewer 3rd Row: Benjamin L. Davis, Joseph N. Gerard, Fernando Gonzalez, Alexander W. Hall, Paul W. Holler, Jeffrey D. Lelonek 4th Row: Matthew J. Plumb, David J. Saugstad, Sean T. Sweeney-Jones



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Welcome Aboard!

It's the New Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) Rating

In April 2007, the Law Enforcement, Tactical, and Security Group Occupation (LETSGO) Team was chartered to study a new Law Enforcement and Security rating. LETSGO initiated a study directed to over 12,000 Coast Guard personnel. Results of the study discovered that over 1,500 Coast Guard personnel working in over 32 unit types spend more than 50 percent of their time performing Law Enforcement and Security (LE&S) duties. This directly impacted the Commandant's decision to move forward with standing up a new rating focused specifically on LE&S.

In an All Hands message released in June 2008, the Commandant announced the establishment of a Coast Guard enlisted rating involving LE&S. This new rating is designed to enhance the Coast Guard's capabilities as America's Maritime Guardians and further supports the Coast Guard's Modernization goal of making a force more responsive to emerging maritime threats in the post Sept. 11, 2001 era. At the same time, it was announced that the Port Security Specialist (PS) rating would be integrated into the new LE&S rating.

In a second All Hands message released in August 2008, the Commandant announced the name of the new rating as Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME). At the same time, the LETSGO team created various working cells to address performance, training, personnel, resources, public information, human resource, diversity and reserve issues. Meeting regularly, these working cells contained a myriad of experts addressing major issues, concerns and obstacles in the standup of the new ME rating. A timeline of milestones was created and the implementation of the ME rating began.

In December 2008, the Commandant recognized the first four Master Chiefs of the ME rating. MECM Gordon Muise (Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC)), MECM Steven Lowry (Senior SWE exam writer), MECM Randy Krahn (ME "A" School Chief) and MECM Sam Allred (PS RFMC). During this time, the ME Enlisted Performance Qualifications

(EPQs) were completed and published on the USCG Learning Portal, giving our community their first view of the ME rate and its requirements.

During the winter of 2009, it was announced in ALCOAST 130/09 that the ME "A" School location would be at the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) in Charleston, S.C., with the first course convening in February 2010. During the same timeframe, many enlisted active and reserve members participated in the Manpower Requirements Analysis Survey (MRA). This survey targeted an audience across cutters, stations, DSF units and sectors. Results of this study determined the LE&S workload at specific unit types across the Coast Guard, which provided guidance in developing the Active Component (AC) ME billet map structure.

Throughout the spring and early summer of 2009, the LETSGO team developed an active duty ME billet map as well as finalized the ME lateral selection process. ALCOAST 445/09 establishes the lateral process for active and reserve enlisted and CWOs who wish to lateral to ME/MLES. The message also establishes the lateral process for PS members who do not qualify or do not wish to lateral to ME.

Reserve ME Billets

The Coast Guard Reserve will directly convert all 1,186 PS billets to ME billets and all 31 Warrant Port Security Specialty (PSS) billets to Warrant Maritime Law Enforcement and Security Specialty (MLES) billets. Future changes to the Reserve ME billet structure will be coordinated between FORCECOM, OPCOM (legacy LANTAREA and PACAREA), PS/ME Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC) and through the service-wide Semi-Annual Reprogram Review (SARR) process.

MEs billets will be both ashore and afloat residing at stations, sectors, police forces, and cutters. A large portion of

ME Rating Badge Emblem

The design features an outer badge that is currently the insignia for the Port Security Specialist (PS) and the Investigator (IV) ratings. The interior symbol is the Coast Guard shield. The Coast Guard shield was used from 1908-1915 as the rating insignia for the former Coast Guard Master-at-Arms (MAA) rating which was disestablished in 1915.



the ME rating, especially Reserve ME billets, will be assigned to Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF), including PSUs and MSSTs. Additionally, members selected to lateral to ME should not anticipate an immediate transfer into an ME billet. As most ME billets are scheduled to be initiated during annual transfer cycles.

ME World of Work

The ME rating was designed to meet the Coast Guard's need for a cadre of professionals primarily focused on and experienced in Law Enforcement and Security duties. Members of the ME rating can expect assignment to challenging duties including traditional maritime law enforcement, anti-terrorism force protection, port security and safety, as well as providing expert training in these fields at the unit level and at training centers. These missions will also continue to be carried out as collateral duties for those in other ratings.

MEs will normally carry out a variety of LE&S missions on a daily basis including:

- **Recreational Boating Safety (RBS);**
- **Security for Marine Events;**
- **Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety and Fisheries Enforcement;**
- **Defense Operations;**
- **Security for major national events or the protection of senior leadership; and**
- **Train other unit members, other government agencies, and international personnel.**

During these activities, MEs will work closely with our federal, state, and local partner agencies to provide the safest, most effective operations and training. Whether working with other U.S. military branches, local law enforcement, or international partners, MEs will be the premier maritime law enforcement professional.

ME Advancements

ALCOAST 411/09 established policy and guidance for Reserve ME advancements. As a reminder, all PS's should make plans to take the annual RSWE regardless of whether they plan to lateral to ME or any other legacy rate. This year's test is Saturday, Oct. 17.

2009 Reserve ME Advancements:

- Members selected to lateral to ME whose names are on the October 2008 Advancement Eligibility List or a Supplemental List in their legacy rating will continue to advance in their legacy ratings, should vacancies occur, through Oct. 1, 2009.
- Should an advancement eligibility list from the October 2008 Reserve Service Wide Exam (RSWE) for a legacy rating be exhausted and early advancement authorized from the October 2009 RSWE advancement eligibility list, members may advance from those eligibility lists, in those legacy ratings, should vacancies occur, through Dec. 1, 2009.

2010 Reserve ME Advancements:

- For calendar year 2010 (Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31,

2010), E-5 through E-9 may continue to compete in their legacy rating exams for the October 2009 RSWE. The ME lateral panel is not expected to announce its results until after the October RSWE competition is complete. Upon publication of the ME Lateral Panel results, all members selected to lateral to ME will immediately be removed from their legacy 2009 RSWE Advancement Eligibility List and merged onto a ME 2009 RSWE Eligibility List by Pay & Personnel Center. This list will be effective from Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 16, 2010. Placement on the 2009 ME Advancement Eligibility List will be based on the following factors: time-in-service, time in pay grade, performance factors, medals and awards. RSWE will not be calculated in the placement calculation.

2011-2012 Reserve ME Advancements:

- See ALCOAST 411/09 for specifics.

Enlisted Performance Qualifications (EPQs)

ME Enlisted Performance Qualifications (EPQs) are posted online at the CG Learning Portal <https://learning.uscg.mil/portal.asp>. All members who want to lateral to ME should review the ME EPQs to have a full understanding of the rate and what will be expected as you advance.

"A" School

- **PS "A" School:** The last PS "A" school class graduated on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009. This ceremony marked the last class to graduate from the Port Security Specialist "A" School. (*See the story in this section.*)
- **ME "A" School:** ALCOAST 130/09 announced the permanent home of ME "A" School at the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA), located on board the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Charleston, S.C. The first class is slated to convene Feb. 8, 2010. A future follow-on "C" school is expected for members of the ME rating in the near future. This decision solidified the MLEA as the home to all resident law enforcement training. FLETC employs state of the art MLE-centric training aids and facilities as the premier center of excellence for Maritime Law Enforcement.
- **Reserve Accessions:** There is no Reserve component waiting list for ME "A" School. All ME rating "A" School quotas are accomplished through CG recruiting accessions. ME "A" school will have three convenings for FY2010. Each class will have 24 seats, for a total of 72 students; 48 of the 72 total seats/quotas are designated for the Reserve component.
- **ASVAB Scores:** Members applying to ME "A" School must have achieved a combined score of 100 between Verbal Reasoning (VE) and Arithmetic Reasoning (AR). This is the same criteria that PS "A" School required.



A Letter from the Director of ME Implementation

The focus of the ME rating will be law enforcement and security.

Law enforcement is our oldest mission. We set sail to perform this duty in 1791. Meanwhile, maritime security has never been more with us as a concern than since 9/11.

During planning sessions we have talked about the face of the ME rating. Who will choose to become an ME? Once standing, will the rating reflect the broader face of the Coast Guard as to gender, racial, and ethnic diversity? Better yet – since the Coast Guard still has some distance to travel as an organization, might the rating become a leader in that regard? Perhaps. We can hope so.

But it is you the reader who will probably play a most important role here. The law enforcement (and security) occupation nationwide remains non traditional for females and minorities. Yet the field itself is bedrock line work necessary to preserve the liberties and safety of our fellow Americans.

Recently I had occasion to talk with the Chief Recruiter for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. She has been a trooper for nearly 25 years. She joined the OSHP originally as a dispatcher. At the time, women troopers were not authorized. But dispatchers could accompany troopers on familiarization rides to get a picture of life on the front line.

As the Chief Recruiter told me, it may have been during her first that she realized: (1) being a trooper on the front line was a lot more interesting than dispatching, and (2) everything she saw the trooper doing, she knew she could do.

So when OSHP changed its policies regarding women as troopers – and without benefit of role model or mentor – she said, “yes” to herself. She went on to pursue her soul-satisfying career.

And what we hope will happen with the ME rating is that each one of you reading this – male, female, minority or not – will see this occupational opportunity as one that is interesting, something you can do; that you will say “yes” to yourselves, and sign on. Semper Paratus!

J.T. Riker, RADM
Director, ME Implementation

Eligibility Criteria

In June, ALCOAST 348/09 was released to give the Coast Guard Reserve an introduction to the ME lateral process and eligibility criteria. Any enlisted member E-4 through E-9 may apply for a lateral to the ME rating. Any CWO member in any warrant specialty may apply for a lateral to MLES.

There are five minimum requirements that must be met by all applicants who wish to successfully lateral to the ME rate and four additional characteristics that are desirable but not required. These represent factors that may be considered by the Lateral Selection Panel in their deliberations as to which candidates will be accepted into the ME rating.

Minimum Requirements:

In order to successfully lateral to ME or MLES, the following five requirements must be met:

1 • Security Clearance: All

members of the ME rating and MLES CWO Specialty will be required to maintain a Secret clearance eligibility. A Secret clearance requires completion and favorable adjudication of a National Agency Check with Local Record and Credit Check (NACLC). Personnel applying for a security clearance need to be a United States citizen. Members who do not have a clearance or have an expired clearance are encouraged to initiate a security request as soon as possible to ensure there is sufficient time to complete all necessary requirements. For further information, see COMDTINST M5530.12, Personnel Security and Suitability Program. Your Command Security Officer (CSO) will provide you assistance with completing your personnel security investigation package, which includes the following:

- **Completion of a Personnel**

Security Questionnaire (SF-86), completed via Electronic Questionnaires for Electronic Processing (e-Qip). The e-Qip program may be accessible on your home computer once your CSO has provided you with access through a logon and password;

- **Finger print cards (FD-258) are required (three originals)**
- **Completion of DHS Form 11000-9, Consumer Reports Disclosure and Authorization Form**
- **Your CSO will complete Personnel Security Action form (CG-5588).**

2 • Lautenberg Amendment

Compliance: All applicants for ME or MLES must be eligible to possess a firearm. A member who is prohibited from carrying a weapon in accordance with the Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban (18 USC 922(g) (8) (9)) is ineligible for the ME rating. Each person applying for a lateral to ME or MLES must have on file at their unit a signed DD Form 2760 declaring they have no convictions for domestic violence. Any restraining order for domestic violence that is currently in effect will need to be addressed by member's command in their endorsement. For more information, see COMDTINST 10100.1 (series) Coast Guard Policy on the Possession of Firearms and/or Ammunition by Coast Guard Personnel.

3 • Color Vision: All

applicants must have normal color vision.

4 • Weight Standards: All

applicants must be in compliance with Commandant weight and body fat standards IAW Ref COMDINST M1020.8 (series), Coast Guard Weight and Body Fat Standards Program Manual.

The End of an Era

Last PS "A" School Students Graduate, School Decommissioned

YORKTOWN, Va. — It was indeed the end of an era when the final class graduated from Port Security "A" School and the school was decommissioned at Training Center Yorktown Sept. 4.

"It's an honor," said graduating student SNPS Fernando Gonzalez of PSU 307. "We're making history. The instructors here were the best I've ever had and I've loved being here."

Since World War II, Port Security Specialists have served on the tip of the spear for homeland defense.

However, with the advent of the Maritime Enforcement Specialist "A" School at the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, S.C., the PS "A" School was decommissioned.

As shipmates, family and friends filed into Washington Auditorium for the final graduation, they were met with a lobby display of historic PS-related items and

documents. The 18 students making up the final class waited in the lobby, talking respectfully with Coast Guard officers and senior enlisted members.

Following the arrival of the official party, graduating students filed in and were seated in the front corner of the auditorium. TRACEN Yorktown's colonial color guard then presented the colors.

"PS A School is proud to send these students out to the fleet," said PSCS Robert Colbert, last School Chief of PS "A" School. Colbert, along with Class Advisor Tim Molly (BMC, USCG-retired), and the other instructors, were acknowledged and recognized with Meritorious Team Awards. The students had earlier presented each instructor with signed t-shirts.

Other PS "A" instructors from bygone years were also present and acknowledged. MCPO-CGRF Jeff Smith, himself a port security specialist, helped distribute some of the graduation certificates and pin some of the graduates who advanced to petty officer. MCPO Tom McCook, PS Force Manager, was on hand along with previous PS Force Managers, recently retired MCPO Sam Allred and MCPO Gary Sherrill. PS3 Michael J. Nishikawa was recognized as the Honor Graduate.

"Congratulations on getting to this day and for being part of this historic day," said CAPT W.J. Milne,

Commanding Officer of Training Center Yorktown as he addressed the students. "Seize every opportunity to be advanced, in schooling, and become the example for others to follow. Now show us what a Guardian is!"

Following the disbursement of graduation certificates, the decommissioning ceremony began with a short video presentation on the PS rating and "A" School. RDML Dan May, Director of Reserve and Training, then addressed the graduates, staff and family members.

"We need to look back at the history of the PS rating today," said RDML May. "The new ME rating will accommodate the skills of the PS rating. Many will feel a significant loss with the decommissioning. However, we have done our homework and feel this is the best course for the future."

RDML May stated that the PS ratings' origins date to World War II, and PS was adopted as an official rating in 1953. Though the



PSCS Robert E. Colbert, left, PS "A" School Chief, receives the PS "A" School guidon from student SNPS Paul W. Holler, right, during the PS "A" School decommissioning at Yorktown, Sept. 4.

Port Security "C" course was established in the early 1970s, the Port Security "A" School officially opened in the early 1980s. Since then, the "A" School has been a vital cornerstone of TRACEN Yorktown's commitment to meet all the training requirements of today's Coast Guard missions.

"You are the newest and last group of the PS rating," added RDML May. "Remember this legacy. Remember the long history and all accomplished throughout history."

LT Kelly Thorkilson, of the Port Operations School at Yorktown, added that the Port Security "A" School had made a great contribution to Yorktown over the years and that "we wish them the best as they transition to MLEA."

A reception and cake-cutting for graduates followed the ceremony at TRACEN Yorktown's Port of York Club.

A couple hours after the ceremony's conclusion, graduating student SNPS Alexander Hall of PSU 313 sat on his sea bag next to the front gates at Training Center Yorktown, awaiting transportation back to his home in Seattle. Reflecting on his graduation from the last PS "A" School, he said, "It's an honor to be the last of the legends...a real legacy."

— Story & photo by
CWO3 Edward J. Kruska, USCGR

5 • Physical Fitness: All applicants must have completed the Boarding Officer and Boat Crew Physical Fitness Test or the Deployable Specialized Forces Tier II Physical Fitness Test after Jan. 1, 2009. Members with a documented and temporary medical condition that precludes them from being able to pass the physical fitness test may request a waiver. Waiver requests shall be submitted to the ME RFMC.

Desirable Characteristics: There are four additional characteristics that are desired but are not required. These represent factors that may be considered by the Lateral Selection Panel in their deliberations as to which candidates will be accepted into the rating:

1 • Law Enforcement and Security Experience: Members E-6 or above applying for lateral to ME are expected to demonstrate previous LE&S work experience including but not limited to past assignments or applicable competency codes (e.g. PS, Boarding Team Member, civilian LE&S experience). E-4 and E-5 members with demonstrated previous LE&S experience will be given weighted consideration for a lateral to the ME rating.

2 • Weapons Qualifications: It is desired that members have held full weapons qualifications at some point in their career, to include judgmental pistol course, basic and practical pistol, basic and combat rifle, and shotgun. As an E-4 EPQ, those applicants lacking full weapons qualifications will be expected to complete them following selection as an ME.

3 • Drivers License: Currently hold a valid state issued drivers license.

4 • Obligated Service: Length of obligated service will not be a consideration for the Coast Guard Reserve due to the disestablishment of the PS rating and PSS specialty.

PS Options

In June 2008, the Commandant announced the disestablishment of the PS rating. What this means is that all PS's need to take some type of positive action over the next few months. PS's have numerous options available to them:

- **Lateral to the ME Rating:** A PS may apply to the ME rating if they meet the minimum eligibility criteria outlined in ALCOAST 348/09 and listed above. PS members must follow the lateral process outlined in ALCOAST 445/09 utilizing a ME/MLES Lateral Application located on the Member Resources page on the Coast Guard Reserve Web site <http://www.uscg.mil/Reserve/>. PS members who feel they do not have a strong ME lateral package may submit a second lateral package for any legacy rate for which they qualify. If not selected for ME, the second lateral package will be reviewed by the PS/ME Reserve Force Master Chief (PSCM Thomas McCook), PSC-rpm and the appropriate RFMC. Reserve members who may not meet all eligibility requirements but are deemed by the selection panel as a good fit for the ME rating may be selected as a Provisional ME. A Provisional ME will hold a training indicator and have a maximum of 36 months to meet the remaining lateral requirements. Upon completion of requirements, member will become an ME and the training indicator is removed.

- **Lateral to Legacy Rating:** A PS who does not desire to lateral to the ME rating or does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria, may consider other ratings for which they may be qualified. Members will be asked to designate a primary and secondary legacy rating choice in one combined application package. The Reserve Lateral Application is located on the Member Resources page on the Coast Guard Reserve Web site <http://www.uscg.mil/Reserve/>. Command endorsed Lateral Applications shall be scanned and e-mailed to arl-dg-cgpscirr@uscg.mil and copy the PS/ME RFMC PSCM Thomas McCook at Thomas.W.McCook@uscg.mil. The PS/ME RFMC, PSC-rpm and the appropriate prospective receiving RFMC will make the final determination whether to accept the member directly into the rating. If the member is not fully qualified, they will be given a



training indicator. They will hold the rating title of PS until fully qualified in their new rate. Members will have a maximum of 36 months to qualify within their new rating.

involuntarily placed in the Inactive Status List (ISL). They will be released from the Coast Guard Reserve once their Military Service Obligation is fulfilled.

- **Retire:** A PS who is retirement eligible in accordance with the Reserve Policy Manual (CONDTINST M1001.28A), may retire at any point during the lateral process. A PS who is retirement eligible and has a retirement letter on file by Dec. 31, 2009, may retire as a PS during the 2010 calendar year. The PS does not have to make steps towards a lateral to ME or another legacy rate but must retire by Dec. 31, 2010. The PS must engage with the PS/ME RFMC to discuss retirement intentions, then follow current procedures outlined in the Reserve Policy Manual.
- **Voluntarily Enter the IRR:** A PS who has completed their Military Service Obligation and has no obligation to a Deployable Specialized Force unit may be voluntarily placed into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) in accordance with the Reserve Policy Manual. If the PS makes a decision to start drilling again or go on any type of active duty orders, then the PS must contact PSC-rpm to take steps to lateral to ME or another legacy rate for which they are qualified.
- **Separate:** A PS who has completed their Military Service Obligation and has no obligation to a DSF unit may separate in accordance with the Reserve Policy Manual.
- **Involuntary Transfer to the ISL:** As a last resort, if a PS makes no decision to lateral to ME or another legacy rating, and does not meet the criteria for retirement, transfer to the IRR or separation, they will be

Lateral Process to ME

The ME rating and MLES specialty is open to any active or reserve E4-E9 or CWO that meets the minimum eligibility criteria. ALCOAST 348/09 announced the lateral process to ME for the Reserve component and ALCOAST 445/09 announced the lateral selection process for the ME rate and MLES specialty. Reserve members seeking to lateral to the ME rate can find the ME Lateral Application on the Coast Guard Reserve Web site under Member Resources: <http://www.uscg.mil/Reserve/>. The ME Lateral Application has directions at the end of the application. This site also has all message traffic pertaining to the ME rating. The ME Lateral Application may also be found on the CG Portal: <https://cgportal.uscg.mil/lotus/myquickr/me/welcome>.

All ME Lateral Applications shall receive a command endorsement from either the Commanding Officer, Officer in Charge, Executive Officer of Executive Petty Officer. Commands are encouraged to write an endorsement that explains a member's potential to be a good candidate for the ME rating. Commands shall also certify that all information on the application is correct and that the member is within weight and body fat standards and has no convictions for domestic violence. Commands shall also certify that the member was marked Satisfactory in conduct on their most recent Enlisted Employee Review (EER).

Reserve enlisted members shall scan and e-mail their endorsed ME Lateral Application package to arl-dg-cgpscirr@uscg.mil; Reserve CWO members shall scan and email their endorsed ME Lateral Applications to CWO Daniel Meek at Daniel.R.Meek@uscg.mil.

Reserve ME Resources and Timeline

All ALCOAST messages and All Hands messages referenced can be viewed at the Coast Guard Reserve Web site at www.uscg.mil/reserve in the Member Resources section. The following are major implementation milestones that have already been met or are future deadlines for implementation of the ME rating. Future dates are targets and may be adjusted as implementation progresses.

Milestone:	Date:		
ME EPQS Published on CG Central	Nov. 1, 2008	MLES Panel Convenes	Sept. 16, 2009
PS Lateral Process Published (ALCOAST 348/09)	June 10, 2009	MLES Selections Announced	Sept. 28, 2009
ME Reserve Advancement Process (ALCOAST 411/09)	July 16, 2009	ME Rating Lateral Application Deadline	Oct. 2, 2009
Lateral Selection Process (ALCOAST 445/09)	July 31, 2009	ME Lateral Panel	Oct. 13- Nov. 2, 2009
ME/MLES Billet Maps Published on CG Portal	July 31, 2009	ME Selections Announced	Nov. 10, 2009
MLES CWO Lateral Application Deadline	Sept. 9, 2009	ME Rating and MLES Specialty Established	Jan. 1, 2010
		ME "A" School Pilot Class Convenes	Feb. 8, 2010



Training Center Yorktown's Golden Anniversary July 1959 — July 2009

On July 3, 1959, the Coast Guard established what is today its largest training facility at Yorktown, Va. It is located on the convergence of Wormley Creek and the York River on the easternmost tip of Virginia's historic triangle formed by Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown.

Yorktown's location is bursting with significant American history! Within the boundaries of the Training Center is the site of the 1633 Village of Yorke. Just outside the main gate are the battlefields of Yorktown where "independence was won," when Cornwallis surrendered to Washington on Oct. 19, 1781. The famous Moore House, where the general terms of surrender were negotiated between the Americans and British, is just outside the Training Center's gates. This area has indeed witnessed settlement, war, and progress.

Progress is indeed a word that accurately reflects Training Center Yorktown since it's humble beginnings in 1959. Every year, thousands of Coast Guard personnel pass through the gates to receive state-of-the-art training on the latest techniques and applications available to the modern Coast Guard. Throughout its 50 years, the pride, professionalism, and excellence of the Training Center's staff and students alike clearly pay tribute to the colonial vision and courage that gave birth to our great nation.

Mission and Schools

Originally called Reserve Training Center Yorktown, it was renamed Training Center Yorktown in October 1999 to better align the base name with its present day mission. That mission is to optimize workforce performance and unit readiness through training, partnership, innovation and doctrine. Each year, the Training Center prepares about

8,000 Coast Guard men and women to face an array of maritime challenges — port security, terrorist threats, mariners in distress, drug smugglers, illegal migrants, fisheries enforcement, protecting the marine environment, and ensuring safe navigation.

There is no other place in the Coast Guard so directly linked to the future success of our Service. In fact, of the Coast Guard's 19 enlisted ratings, Training Center Yorktown is home to seven "A" schools. Enlisted members from the following rates attend schools at Yorktown: BM, DC, EM, GM, MK, MST, and IS. The all-Reserve PS "A" School was decommissioned on Sept. 4, 2009, due to the PS-ME rating merger. ME "A" School will be located at the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy, Charleston, S.C.

With that in mind, it's easy to see why if you haven't visited Training Center Yorktown yet, chances are fairly good that you will some time in the future. Among the 17 schools that call Training Center Yorktown home are the National Search and Rescue School, the world's premier source of search and rescue training. The school's joint Coast Guard and Air Force staff provides training in oceanic, coastal, and inland search planning, and coordination. The Operational Intelligence School and CGIS Training Detachment provides training for all elements of the Coast Guard's intelligence program.

The Boat Forces Center is the Coast Guard's center for boat crew training and professionalism, developing operational techniques and maintenance procedures, evaluating prototypes, and assisting with day and night underway training for students of all levels. Boatswain's Mate School is responsible for all training provided to the

Coast Guard's largest rate, laying the foundation for tomorrow's Officers in Charge. National Aids to Navigation School provides performance-based training to the men and women who service over 70,000 fixed and floating aids, lighthouses, and electronic signaling devices. The Marine Safety branch is comprised of Contingency Preparedness and Response Management School, Port Operations School, Marine Inspection and Investigation School, and the Marine Science Technician School, which trains students on maritime safety and security missions including environmental protection/response, waterways management, risk assessment/management, and safety and occupational health.

Machinery Technician School is the source of training for the Coast Guard's second largest rate. Machinery Technician school offers extensive lab facilities and hands-on training covering all basic and advanced naval engineering systems and machinery. Damage Controlman's School provides state of the art, well-equipped welding, woodworking, piping, and metal labs to prepare damage controlmen to serve on cutters, boats, and stations. Electrician's Mate School features impressive lab facilities, computerized training, and advanced technology to support both basic and senior technical training used in today's modern fleet of cutters. The Gunner's Mate School features extensive hands on training in the operation, maintenance, and repair of Coast Guard weapons systems ranging from small arms to large caliber naval guns and their fire control systems. The Weapons School trains students in the traditional roles of homeland security, law enforcement, and military readiness. The Intelligence Specialist (IS) "A" school is fairly new, with its first convening in April 2008.

The Training Center also hosts basic and advanced courses for personnel from the other armed services, state and federal agencies, and allied nations throughout the world. Training Center Yorktown also reaches out to Coast Guard units and the world by providing exportable courses through its 17 schools and through Mobile Training Teams from the International Training Division.

Additionally, Training Center Yorktown is directly responsible for a host of courses designed to better equip our international allies in all matters maritime. Most notable are the International Resident Training Courses; (the International Maritime Officers Course and the International Crisis Command and Control Course) and countless International Exportable Training courses conducted by the International Training Division.

In 1996, Training Center Yorktown formed the Performance Technology Center (PTC) from existing Training Center Resources. PTC is the Coast Guard's center of Products Excellence for Interactive Courseware (ICW). It is a prototype center for improving human performance, and uses human performance technology techniques and tools to analyze workforce performance problems. Through continuous research, it identifies the most effective and

efficient emerging technologies that can be designed and developed into the products and performance supports that help to solve those problems.

In addition, Training Center Yorktown became responsible for two new subordinate units fairly recently: the National Motor Lifeboat School in Ilwaco, Wash. (December 2005), and Training Team East, in Portsmouth, Va. (May 2009).

Much to Offer, Past, Present and Future

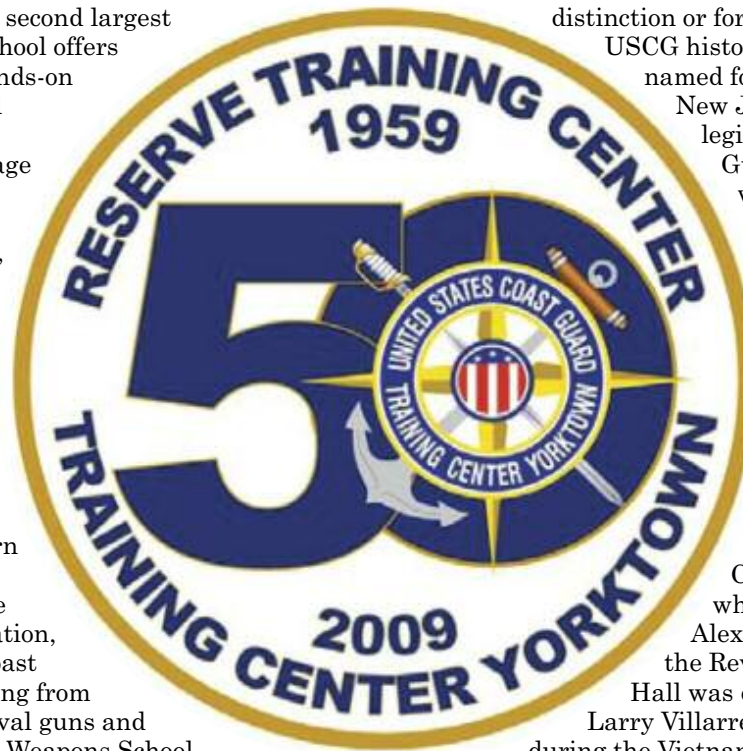
As one might expect, just walking the 157 acres that make up the Training Center is itself a lesson in Coast Guard history. Many of Yorktown's 72 building names are reflective of Coast Guard men and women who have served with distinction or for those who had an impact upon USCG history. Among them is Canfield Hall, named for U.S. Rep. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey, who introduced legislation to create the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1941. Cain Hall was dedicated to honor LT Colleen Cain, the Coast Guard's third woman to earn her wings and first to fly the HH-52 helicopter. Cain, originally a reservist, made the ultimate sacrifice during a rescue mission Jan. 7, 1982 while stationed at Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii. Thayer Hall is named for RADM Louis M. Thayer, the Training Center's first Commanding Officer in 1959, while Hamilton Hall is named for Alexander Hamilton, the father of the Revenue Cutter Service. Villarreal Hall was dedicated to the heroism of EN2 Larry Villarreal, awarded the Silver Star during the Vietnam War.

A scenic and tranquil memorial near Lincoln Hall honors those 10 Coast Guardsmen lost aboard the CGC CUYAHOGA on Oct. 20, 1978. Meanwhile, a special memorial marker at the original site of the Training Headquarters Building (now gone but near the parade grounds) honors CDR Orland D. French, USCGR(Ret.), Yorktown's first training officer in the early 1960s and one of the first Reserve Program Administrators.

The Training Center has much more to offer in the way of facilities as well including an exchange, dining facilities, barber shop, chapel, athletic facilities, berthing, movie theater, fishing pier, Port of York Club, post office, medical clinic, and pavilion/picnic areas. More than 500 active duty, 300 civilians (GS/contractors) and more than 20 reservists work and drill here. It's all situated in a beautiful moderately wooded setting conducive for student learning, faculty teaching and staff to work.

Training Center Yorktown proudly upholds the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus," graduating students "always ready" to meet today's challenges. So Happy 50th Birthday Yorktown — and many happy returns!

Ed's note: For more information on Training Center Yorktown, write: Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown, 1 U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, VA 23690; Web: www.uscg.mil/tcyorktown/



VA Education Programs for Reservists

There are various education programs available to reservists administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Each has its own set of eligibility requirements, rules, and payment levels. Each offers 36 months of benefits (the maximum number of months of benefits you can use when eligible for two or more programs is 48 months). It's important to understand and compare the program benefits to make the best financial decisions for your education.

The new Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) is very complex. If you are already eligible for at least one education program (MGIB-SR, REAP, MGIB-AD), and you decide to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill, you will be required to relinquish one of your other benefit programs to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill prior to using it. If you are not eligible for any other education program, you may still be eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill, as long as you meet all eligibility requirements.

For additional information, see the VA Homepage at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> or call a VA Benefit Education Counselor at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (442-4551). Additional information can be found in Member Resources on the Reserve Homepage at www.uscg.mil/reserve/member_resources.asp. You can also email reserveVAeducation@uscg.mil with questions. Please put your name and which program you're inquiring about in the Subject line.

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) (Chapter 1606)

MGIB-SR is for enlisted and officers serving in the Selected Reserve (SELRES). There is no cost to the reservist for this program. However, requirements must be met to establish and maintain eligibility. Reservists must obligate and serve six years of satisfactory participation in the SELRES and remain in SELRES while using MGIB-SR. After completing required paperwork and all required training, each reservist should receive a Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) DD Form 2384-1. This form assists in certifying eligibility of MGIB-SR benefits with your school.

Benefits will be suspended and terminated upon separation from the SELRES or failure to meet satisfactory participation while SELRES. For additional information, see www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/chapter1606.doc

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (Chapter 1607)

REAP was established by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2005. This program was designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress on or after September 11, 2001. You become eligible after serving 90 continuous days on contingency orders. The current qualifying Contingency Operations are Operation Noble Eagle (ONE), Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). There is no cost to the member for REAP, but there is an available REAP Buy-Up which could increase monthly benefits. The Buy-Up does not transfer to the Post-9/11 GI Bill if you choose to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill. If you meet all requirements, you may retain your benefits for 10 years

after separation from SELRES. If you were separated before completing 90 days with a service connected disability, please contact DVA for further information.

Benefits are a percentage of the three year MGIB-AD (Ch-30)

and are based on the length of your longest continuous contingency active duty served. However, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2008 authorized the highest rate if you have an aggregate of three or more years of qualifying active duty.

A full description of REAP can be found on the VA webpage at www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#REAP or on the USCG Reserve Homepage www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/reap.ppt.



Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD) (Chapter 30)

If you are a reservist who has been on active duty for a minimum of two consecutive years, you may be eligible for MGIB-AD. There is a \$1200 contribution and you remain eligible for 10 years after being Released from Active Duty (RELAD).

There are two benefit tiers for MGIB-AD: one for two years on active duty, and one for at least three years on active duty. Be sure you understand which tier your time on active duty counts towards. You can review them at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm

There is also a Buy-Up Program to increase monthly benefits. It does not transfer to the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Additional information can be found at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#MGIBAD

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

This is a no cost program for members of the Armed Forces (active duty and reserve) who have served at least 90 aggregate

days of qualifying active duty on or after 11 Sep 2001. You are automatically eligible upon meeting the active duty requirements. If you were discharged due to a service-connected disability with at least 30 continuous days, please contact DVA for further information. This program began 1 August 2009. Benefits may include tuition and fees, a monthly stipend, and a book/supplies stipend. If you are eligible for other education programs, you will have to make an irrevocable decision to relinquish one of them for Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The level of benefits is based on the length of service performed. DVA will determine the months of benefits remaining based on what you have already used, if any. Reservists generally have 15 years after Release from Active Duty (RELAD) of 90 consecutive days in which to exhaust entitlements.

This educational assistance, up to 36 months, may be transferred to DEERS eligible dependents as long as you are still a SELRES or active duty member. Retired Reserve or IRR status does not qualify for transferability of benefits. Most members will be required to obligate up to four years of additional service (SELRES or active duty). This additional service will run concurrent to other service contracts or agreements. To transfer your benefits, you will need to access the Transfer of Education

Benefits (TEB) portal at www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/ with your CAC. See ALCGRSV 042/09 www.uscg.mil/announcements/alcgrsv/042-09_alcgrsv.txt) for obligating service requirements and processes.

Once in TEB, choose how many months of your benefits you want to give each dependent. VA will determine how many remaining months of entitlement you actually have. If you did not previously choose which program to relinquish to the Post 9/11 GI Bill, VA will choose one for you when they receive the approved TEB Request. Service members may transfer benefits to children or spouse well in advance of them attending college. However, you may not add new dependents or transfer benefits to other dependents after separation from SELRES. Your obligation begins on the date of TEB election as long as the obligated service agreement is received, if required as per ALCGRSV 042/09.

Due to the complexities of this program, interested personnel should speak with a VA Education Counselor at 888-GIBILL-1 (442-4551) or your Education Services Officer (ESO).

For further information see ALCOAST 377/09 and www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/chapter33.doc

For up to date information, visit the VA Website at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#CH33

VA EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR WHICH RESERVISTS MAY ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY				
Program	MGIB-SR (CH-1608)	REAP (CH-1607)	MGIB-AD (CH-33)	POST 9/11 GI BILL (CH-33)
Eligibility Requirements	Must obligate 6 yrs SELRES & remain in good standing. All mbrs complete CG-5482 (SOU); Enlisted also completes enlistment/extension.	Mobilized at least 90 consecutive days in support of Contingency Op - ONE, OEF, OIF. Must return to the component of Ready Reserve or greater from which you were mobilized (Mobilized SELRES must return to SELRES, Mobilized IRR must return to IRR or SELRES)	May be eligible if served at least 2 yrs continuously on AD -	Must serve at least 90 aggregate days of qualifying active duty on or after 11 SEP 2001.
Mbr Cost	0	0	\$1,200	0
Entitlement	36 months	36 months	36 months	36 months
Tiers	N/A	40%: 90 days - < 1 year continuous 60%: 1 yr - < 2 years continuous 80%: 2 yrs or greater continuous 80%: 3 yrs or more cumulative	2 yr Rate: 2 yrs - < 3 yrs continuous 3 yr Rate: 3 yrs or greater continuous	40%: 90 aggregate days 50%: 6 months cumulative 60%: 12 months cumulative 70%: 18 months cumulative 80%: 24 months cumulative 90%: 30 months cumulative 100%: 36 months cumulative
Suspension or Termination	Separation from SELRES; or failure to participate satisfactorily; or failure to return to SELRES after authorized absence from SELRES	Transfer from SELRES to IRR without completing Mandatory Service Obligated. May regain eligibility after returning to SELRES. Separation from Service via IRR.	N/A	N/A
Delimited (End) Period	End date eliminated. Mbr now remains eligible while SELRES.	10 years from date of separation from SELRES	10 yrs from RELAD. 10 yr clock may be reset if mbr joins SELRES and is activated for 90 continuous days or more on active duty.	15 yrs from last 90 day active duty period; or from 90th day if active duty periods were <90 days and aggregated.
Payments	VA payment goes to member	VA payment goes to member	VA payment goes to member	Tuition pd to college, Monthly Stipend and Book Stipend pd to mbr (if qualified)
Transfer to Dependents	NO	NO	NO	YES
May Use Benefits After:				6 yrs of service: Spouse 10 yrs of Service: DEERS Eligible Children
Obligated Service for Transferability	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 yrs unless Service has prescribed less for those retirement eligible
VA Guidance	www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#MGIBSR	www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#REAP	www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#MGIBAD	www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#CH33
Reserve Info	www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/chapter1606.doc	www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/reap.ppt		www.uscg.mil/reserve/docs/resources/chapter33.doc

For information purposes only. For official policy and procedures, contact DVA

Due to the complexities of this program, interested personnel should speak with a VA Education Counselor at 888-GIBILL-1 (442-4551) or your Education Services Officer (ESO). For further information see ALCOAST 377/09.

For up to date information, visit the VA Website at: www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#CH33

Since 2008, *THE RESERVIST* has been spotlighting each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. This article is the final in this nine-part series, so the "First (District) shall be last" is indeed the case! Thank you to the MANY authors who contributed to this informative District Spotlight series.

1st District, Boston

Many of the country's firsts, such as America's first colony, school, public library, drive-in movie theater and subway system are within the boundaries of the First Coast Guard

District.

The First District, which encompasses Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, eastern New York and northern New Jersey, is no stranger to firsts.

The district is home to America's first cutter, life-saving station and lighthouse. In 1791, the first cutter, the 50-foot MASSACHUSETTS, was launched in Newburyport, Mass., by the Revenue Cutter Service, giving the city the distinction of being the birthplace of the Coast Guard.

Before merging with the Life-Saving Service to form the modern-day Coast Guard, the Revenue Cutter Service's primary mission was to enforce tariff regulations and other maritime laws. However, in 1832, the crews were also tasked with assisting mariners in distress.

In 1848, the Life-Saving Service slowly began to take shape, building huts for shipwrecked mariners and establishing stations with poorly trained volunteers. The service later received funding from Congress for new buildings, boats and trained crews.

Today, the First District has 37 small boat stations, seven 87-foot patrol boats and five 110-foot patrol boats that enforce maritime laws, conduct security patrols, assist mariners in distress, respond to pollution reports, and perform search and rescue. The district is also home to one 210-foot and five 270-foot medium endurance cutters that report to Atlantic Area.

The First District is also responsible for ensuring the waterways are safe for mariners.

America's first lighthouse, Boston Light, was built on Little Brewster Island in 1716 to aid mariners navigating into Boston Harbor. The lighthouse also became the site of the first fog signal when a cannon was placed at the light in 1719. Today, Boston Light is the only remaining lighthouse to an official "lighthouse keeper." A civilian member of Sector Boston oversees the lighthouse and tours of the island, assisted by members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Rangers from the National Park Service.

The district currently maintains 102 lighthouses in

addition to 5,614 other federal aids to navigation.

Crews stationed at the district's 10 aids to navigation teams, eight 65-foot harbor tugs, four 175-foot coastal buoy tenders and two 225-foot juniper class buoy tenders share the responsibility of maintaining the aids and ensuring the Northeast's waters are safe for boaters.

During the winter, around 25 percent of the district's waters receive anywhere from a few inches to several feet of ice. The 175-foot and 225-foot buoy tenders, harbor tugs

and four 140-foot bay class icebreaking tugs work throughout the winter to keep the district's waterways clear of ice.

Covering approximately 15,000 square miles of land and sea, the First District is commanded by RADM Joseph L. Nimmich and staffed by more than 3,200 active duty Coast

Guardsmen, 700 reservists, 250 civilians and 8,400 auxiliaries.

The district, which has some of the busiest U.S. ports (Boston, New York, Portland, Maine; New Haven, Conn.; and Providence, R.I.), is broken down into five sectors: Northern New England, Boston, Southeastern New England, Long Island Sound and New York.

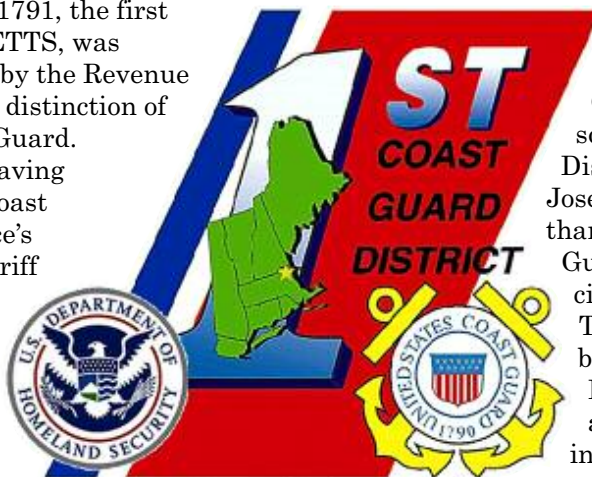
There is also an air station in Cape Cod, Mass., and sector field offices in Southwest Harbor, Maine and Moriches, N.Y.

The First District's headquarters is located in Boston — home to the Boston Red Sox, the first major league baseball team to win the World Series in 1903. Sector Boston is located right down the road from the district building in the historic North End, the birthplace of the American Revolution.

There are also some unique Coast Guard units that call the First District home: the International Ice Patrol Operations Center, Research and Development Center, and the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

The International Ice Patrol Operations Center was established in response to the sinking of the Titanic in April 1912. The patrol monitors the movement of icebergs and alerts nearby mariners in an effort to prevent a similar tragedy from occurring again.

The Research and Development Center performs research, development, testing and evaluation to help the Coast Guard develop solutions to improve performance of its multiple missions.



Protect, Save, Defend, and Enforce

At the Coast Guard Academy, cadets spend four years learning about leadership and the Coast Guard as well as earning their Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduating, the cadets become officers in the Coast Guard (www.cga.edu).

New London is also home to the CGC EAGLE, the only ship with square-rigged sails in U.S. government service. EAGLE allows cadets to apply the navigation, engineering, and leadership training they receive at the Coast Guard Academy to real-life challenges at sea.

Challenges are nothing new for the men and women of the First District. On an average day, district crewmembers save two lives, conduct 17 search and rescue cases, assist 20 people in distress and save more than \$43,600 in property.

For more information on the First District, visit: <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/>. For First District news, visit: <http://www.uscgnewengland.com>.

— By PA3 Connie Terrell, First District Public Affairs

ISC Boston (fot)

Hello from ISC Boston — Home of the Boston Red Sox, Boston Baked Beans and the Big Dig! The ISC Boston Force Optimization & Training (FOT) shop is located in the historic North End section of Boston just footsteps away from the world famous Hanover Street which houses some of the best Italian eateries this side of Sicily. Boston is a great place to be stationed as it offers many unique and interesting things to do — all within a few miles of the ISC. The freedom trail walking tour is just steps away and takes you to places such as Paul Revere's House, the Old North Church ("one if by land, two if by sea"), and the *USS Constitution* (Old Ironsides). The world champion Celtics play just a few blocks from the ISC and the Red Sox are just a 10-minute "T" (subway) ride away.

As for the duties and responsibilities of the FOT shop, we manage over 1,300 reservists located as far north as the U.S.-Canadian border in Maine all the way down to the middle of New Jersey. The FOT services the cities of Portland, Maine; Boston, Mass.; Providence, R.I.; New Haven, Conn.; and New York, N.Y. Our major task is to ensure all reservists within our purview are mobilization ready. This means besides making sure the standard Reserve readiness metrics are met (medical,

dental, participation, and annual screening questionnaire), we must also ensure the members are properly trained and ready to mobilize when the time comes. Other responsibilities include the oversight of the \$2.5M AFC-90 RT (Reserve Training) account, assignments for most reservists within the First District, manager of the AFC-30T account, educational services officer for the region, Career Development Advisors to the entire district, and contingency staffing managers.

We service five sectors: Sector Northern New England in Portland Maine, Sector Boston located at the ISC, Sector Southeast New England in Woods Hole, Mass., Sector Long Island Sound in New Haven, Conn., and Sector New York on Staten Island. Besides the sectors, we also service PSU 301 located at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod and District One, which is less than a mile from the ISC. Other units we service are ESU Boston, CEU Providence, NESU Boston, the Coast Guard Academy and of course, the ISC. The unique and fortunate thing about our Area of Responsibility is its size. Most commands can be visited in just under a four-hour car ride, which makes it extremely easy to conduct training and carry out unit visits.

— By LT Thomas Gwilliam, ISC Boston (pf)



Photo courtesy LCDR Lisa Schulz, USCGR

The ISC Boston (FOT) staff in front of the Paul Revere statue by the Old North Church in Boston. Front row, left to right: LT Jeton Devereaux, ISC Boston FOT Deputy Branch Chief; Ms. Deb Mak, YN1 Deb Reed. Back row, l-r: LT Tom Gwilliam, ISC Boston (FOT) Branch Chief; CDR Scott Fields, Personnel Division Chief; MCPO Dave Groh, YN2 Mike Alexander. Not pictured: CWO Jim Freeman, Mr. Bob Plumpton, Mr. Craig Watt, SKC Steven Perrier, YNCS Jon Butler.

In Brief

• COAST GUARD LADY'S 90th BIRTHDAY

— Mrs. Lois Bouton, also known as “The Coast Guard Lady,” is celebrating her 90th Birthday in September 2009 (she refuses to give out the exact date). Mrs. Bouton has written thousands of letters to Coasties around the world since the 1940s when she began this labor of love. Now, it's our turn to reciprocate! She has requested Coasties help her celebrate with cards, letters, phone calls. Mrs. Bouton, who served in the Coast Guard Womens' Reserve (SPARs) during World War II, was featured on the cover of Issue 2-2007 of THE RESERVIST magazine. Her address is 1616 S. 16th St., Rogers, AR, 72758-5712; Phone 479-636-3591; or send e-mail on her behalf to her friend, World War II USCG veteran Morris Lewis at: mojan2@webtv.net.

Reserve Directors Note: *I recently sent Mrs. Bouton a letter to congratulate her on her birthday and thank her for all of the cards and letters she sends out to coasties, especially our reservists. To my surprise, a return letter showed up about a week later from guess who? The Coast Guard lady!*



• **DCU NEW SEW-ON COLLAR DEVICE** — The Desert Camouflage Utility (DCU) uniforms have a new standard sew-on collar rank insignia. This uniform is worn often among the largest expeditionary units within the Coast Guard. The sew-on collar rank insignia are all black and larger than the sew-ons that are worn on the ODUs. They are an inch and a quarter for E7-E9. The petty officer collar insignia are also larger than the devices worn on the ODU. Officer rank insignia as well as Command Chief badges are also available. The two companies contracted to make these insignia are: Vanguard of Norfolk, Va, POC: Mr. Thomas P. Black, 1-800-221-1264; and Action Embroidery of Ontario, Calif., ATTN: Ira J. Newman, 1-800-638-7223.



• **SELRES DENTAL SCREENING INITIATIVE PILOT** — Annual screening dental exams are required for readiness. These exams are a fully covered benefit under the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) and most civilian dental plans. In addition, CG Dental Treatment Facilities (DTF) may perform the annual dental screening for SELRES Members. SELRES members are no longer authorized to obtain reimbursable dental examinations by the Health, Safety, and Work-Life Support Activity. SELRES members without dental insurance

coverage and who are remote (50-plus miles) from a CG DTF may participate in the Reserve Health Readiness Program (RHRP) Dental Screening. SELRES members (on orders for 30 days or less) with last names beginning with A – F who meet the requirements are authorized to contact the Reserve Health Readiness Program dental screening number at 1-888-697-4299 to schedule an appointment with a contract dentist for a screening exam. This program will be expanded to SELRES members (on orders for 30 days or less) with last names beginning with G-Z on Sept. 1, 2009. For much more info, see ALCOAST 421/09.



• EARLY RECEIPT OF RETIRED PAY FOR READY RESERVE MEMBERS

— In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008 and DOD Instruction 1215.07, a member of the Ready Reserve who performs active duty on or after Jan. 28, 2008, shall have the eligibility age for receipt of retired pay reduced below 60 years of age by three (3) months for each aggregate of 90 days on which the member performs active duty in any one fiscal year. A day of duty shall be included in only one period of 90 days. The eligibility age may not be reduced below 50 years of age for any person. Please see ALCOAST 399/09 for more info.

• PAY & PERSONNEL CENTER FY10 WEEKEND STAFFING DATES

— If you need assistance from PPC on the weekends, they will be open on the following weekend dates during Fiscal Year 2010: 14-15 Nov.; 12-13 Dec.; 9-10 Jan. 2010; 20-21 Feb.; 20-21 March; 17-18 April; 15-16 May; 12-13 June; 17-18 July; 21-22 Aug.; and 18-19 Sept. Hours of coverage on the weekends will be 0600 to 1600 (Central Time) on Saturdays and 0600-1400 (Central Time) on Sundays. PPC Customer Care can be reached via telephone at 1-866-PPC-USCG (772-8724). Trouble tickets also may be submitted through the Intranet at: <http://cgweb.ppc.uscg.mil/ccb> or via the Internet at: www.uscg.mil/PPC/ccb/.



• **SUBMITTING ARTICLES** — If you have an article for THE RESERVIST, please submit to: TheReservist@uscg.mil or to the new editor, Mr. Isaac Pacheco: Isaac.D.Pacheco@uscg.mil.

Self-Validation Follow-Up:

Thank you, but Still Some CGR Stragglers

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who completed the HR Self Validation form in Direct Access. (featured in Issue 3-09). By doing so, you are helping us help you! The HR information will ensure members are receiving the money they deserve so they can enjoy their pay and benefits to the fullest. However, there are still 436 reservist stragglers out there who have yet to complete the Self-Validation Form, so if that is you, please make sure you get into Direct Access and complete the form, which can be accessed from any computer at: <https://hr.direct-access.us/servlets/iclientservlet/USCGP1HR/?cmd=login>. The deadline has since past, however, it is still mandatory that every single member must complete this task.

For those of you that marked “false...” Upon completion of the Self Validation form, all members were prompted to contact their Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) so your information can get updated in the system and any pay issues can be corrected. If you don’t comply, you will certainly see long term errors that can potentially interfere with your retirement, your G.I. Bill, or your ability to transfer your benefits to dependents. Before the SPO can make any corrections, they need to see supporting

documentation. For example, if in Direct Access you were listed as “single” and you marked “false” because you’re married, contact your SPO and give them a copy of your marriage certificate. Simple as 1-2-3! The SPO can handle it from there!

Even if you didn’t mark anything “false...” If you direct your attention to ALCOAST 208/09, you will find that the following documents are now maintained in the Personnel Service Center’s Imaged Personnel Data Record (IPDR) for all new members:

Birth Certificate
Marriage License/Divorce Decree
Dependent Birth Certificates/Adoption
Papers/Court Orders
Service Members Promotion/Advancement
Authorization
Current PCS Executed Orders

If you are a current member and you incurred one of the events listed above after April 15, 2009, please be sure to update your IPDR by bringing your supporting documentation to your SPO.

USERRA: What You Need to Know

By CAPT Samuel F. Wright, JAGC, USN (Ret.)

In 1994, Congress enacted the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), as a long-overdue rewrite of the Veterans’ Reemployment Rights (VRR) law, which can be traced back to 1940. The reemployment statute has always applied to the Coast Guard, just as it applies to other services.

To have the right to reemployment under USERRA, you must meet five conditions. You must have left a position of civilian employment for the purpose of performing voluntary or involuntary uniformed service — anything from a drill weekend to up to five years of active duty. You must have given the employer prior oral or written notice. Your cumulative period or periods of uniformed service, relating to that employer relationship, must not have exceeded five years. (All involuntary service and some voluntary service are excluded from the computation of your five-year limit.) You must have been released from the period of service without having received a punitive or other-than-honorable discharge, and you must have made a timely application for reemployment. After a period of more than 180 days of service, you have up to 90 days to apply. Shorter deadlines apply after shorter periods of service.

You must meet each condition for each period of service. It is important that you dot the i’s and cross the t’s. Give the employer written notice as far in advance as possible, and make a written application for reemployment after you return, especially if you believe that the employer will not

welcome you back.

If you meet these five conditions, the employer is required to reemploy you promptly and to treat you as if you had been continuously employed during the time you were away for service, even if that means displacing another employee. USERRA also protects you from discrimination in initial employment, retention in employment (firing), or promotions or benefits of employment.

For much more information, please visit www.roa.org. Click on “Service Members’ Law Center” on the left then “Law Review Library” on the right. You will find more than 500 articles, and mostly about USERRA and related laws. You will find a detailed Subject Index, to help you find articles about very specific topics.

If you are having difficulty with your civilian employer concerning your Coast Guard Reserve service, please contact the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) at 1-800-336-4590. ESGR’s website is www.esgr.mil.

Ed’s note: CAPT Wright is the Director of the Service Members’ Law Center at the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), and assisted in drafting USERRA when he was an attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor. You can reach him toll-free at 1-800-809-9448, ext. 730 or SWright@roa.org.



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Medals and Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Andrea L. Contratto, CG-131
CAPT Wayne C. Dumas, CGHQ
CAPT M.F. "Robbie" Roberts, MLC PAC
LT Richard J. Lavigne, CGHQ
MCPO William "Sam" Allred, CGHQ

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

CAPT Brian H. Offord, MSRON One
LT Wendy N. Gardner, MSRON Nine

Coast Guard Achievement Award

LT Thomas J. Morgan, JTRU, USTRANSCOM
LTJG Jay Katz, Sector Guam

Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon

BMCM Mark Allen, Commandant (CG-133)

Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation

PSU 305, Fort Eustis, Va. (see photo)

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation

LCDR Lindsay Dew, 840th Trans. Batt.
LCDR Ephraim Garcia, 840th Trans. Batt.
LT Doug Salik, 840th Trans. Batt.
LTJG Scott Bleicken, 840th Trans. Batt.

LTJG John Hughes, 840th Trans. Batt.
LTJG Todd Remustat, 840th Trans. Batt.
LTJG Mike Shuster, 840th Trans. Batt.
CWO2 Scott Gardner, 840th Trans. Batt.
CWO2 Bruce Jones, 840th Trans. Batt.
MCPO Bill Dikun, 840th Trans. Batt.
MCPO Claude Haynes, 840th Trans. Batt.
MCPO Paul Ladut, 840th Trans. Batt.
SCPO Joe Faney, 840th Trans. Batt.
CPO James Elsenberg, 840th Trans. Batt.
CPO Gary Pirkig, 840th Trans. Batt.
CPO Bill Wilkinson, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 David Allen, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 John Cynkar, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 Marvin Gravino, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 Steve Kilgore, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 Virginia Pearson, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO1 Thomas Walker, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO2 Steve Finesterle, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO2 Pete Peniero, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO2 Joe Pricelarsen, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO2 Sarah Vega, 840th Trans. Batt.
PO2 Steve Webb, 840th Trans. Batt.

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

BM2 William J. Poertner, PSU 307



PSU 305 commanding officer CDR Steve Pope, RADM Thomas Atkin, MCPO Wayne Miesen and SA Matthew Carrasquillo, MCPO Darrell Odom and MCPO Darrick Dewitt display the PSU's new Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation pennant following an award ceremony at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, May 30, 2009. PSU 305 received the award for their superior performance while deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Advancements

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective June 1, 2009 from
Enlisted Reserve Advancement
Announcement (ERAA) No.
006-09, ALCGRSV 022/09:*

BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BM1 G J LAWRENCE
BM1 L N CLARK
BM2 W M KORAN
BM2 J P VOLOSIN
BM2 J W KWEDAR
BM2 C J GREEN
BM2 K J WORLEY
BM2 G C DAMANIS
BM2 S P GRIFFIN
BM2 G H COX

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN(HS)

HSC C D GOLEMBIEWSKI
HS1 R M ADAMS

INVESTIGATOR(IV)

IVCM M A FINKENBINDER
IVCS L F TYDINGS
IVC K P NOWAK
IV2 T R SWANSON

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKC P E SMITH
MK1 K D CHRISTENSEN
MK1 K M LEMON
MK1 M B MCNAMEE

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MST1 S R DEMAREST
MST1 S M ACKERMAN
MST1 D G DESAI
MST2 A C MILANOWSKI

MST2 C J SHARP
MST2 C A BROWN
MST2 B L THURLOW
MST2 J M MURPHY
MST2 P J RENSHAW
MST2 L J TEAL
MST2 P S REYES

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSCS R E COLBERT
PSC G E VALENCIA
PSC W D MCANALLY
PSC P F FLOGE

STOREKEEPER(SK)

SKC J P DERUDDER

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective July 1, 2009 from
Enlisted Reserve Advancement
Announcement (ERAA) No.
007-09, ALCGRSV 031/09:*

BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BM1 L W HEFLIN
BM1 T S DENHAM
BM2 M D AUSTIN
BM2 A T MOZLEY
BM2 R J VICENS
BM2 M J DALY
BM2 J M SANDLER

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST(FS)

FS2 W B GOULET
FS2 J D BRENNAN

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN(HS)

HSC J A HAWLEY

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKC R R MIZIKAR
MK1 C M SETTE
MK1 M A HUEZO
MK2 B J BUKOWSKI
MK2 M W SUING

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MST1 C L HOCKEMA
MST1 S A STOUT
MST2 H S CULVER
MST2 M S OESTREICHER
MST2 J R PRONOVOST
MST2 K D HAGOPIAN
MST2 M E ILLICH
MST2 K M SIMMONS
MST2 M T NG

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSCS M A CORFMAN
PSC J LANIGAN
PSC M C MELANCON
PSC T L STENGER

STOREKEEPER(SK)

SKC M D ZAMORA

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
effective Aug. 1, 2009 from
Enlisted Reserve Advancement
Announcement (ERAA) No.
008-09, ALCGRSV 036/09:*

BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BMCM E J RENKER
BMCS R J FRIPP
BMCS S W FEY
BMCS G A ROBERTSON
BMCS P K OSULLIVAN

BMC S L SINKE
BMC T E BEACH
BMC S P MCEVOY
BMC W E DAVIS
BMC M M MARTIN
BMC D G SNOVEL
BMC W C CARL
BMC J S KLEINKNECHT
BM1 M R ROBISON
BM1 T E HAGER
BM1 B D FELTON
BM2 A D HIGHLANDS
BM2 D S HALEY
BM2 B M MADDOX
BM2 M D RIVET
BM2 M D FLETCHER
BM2 T M SIDIK

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN(DC)

DC1 C J AMOROSO

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST(FS)

FSC J E KOOKEN
FS2 A O LAVAL

GUNNER'S MATE(GM)

GMCS A A WIGGINS
GMC M M WARD

INVESTIGATOR(IV)

IVC D H LEA
IVC C J ARNOLD
IVC A W BLAS

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKCM C A ANDERSON
MKCM D W JENSEN
MKCM E E BEAL
MKCS D W WEST



RDML Daniel May, Director of Reserve and Training, left, presents an advancement citation to Maria Zamora, who advanced to SKC on August 1, 2009. Zamora is a reservist on active duty at CG Headquarters.

MKC E M OWENS
 MKC D S TRUXAL
 MKC C CAULFIELD
 MK1 M ROUNDTREE
 MK1 S F WOLFE
 MK1 M R WITTE
 MK1 R D HASKINS
 MK1 M E WAGNER
 MK1 M R KENNEY
 MK1 J J WILLIAMS
 MK1 K D BUDDE
 MK2 A V BAKER
 MK2 M R STUPI
 MK2 K M CHERRY
 MK2 V D YOUNG
 MK2 D M SUMMERS
 MK2 J W LOERWALD
 MK2 D A SCHOEN

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MSTCM R L BARGER
 MSTCS P J WYSOSKY
 MSTCS G A DENNIS
 MSTC J J ALLENDORPH
 MSTC M S ROBERTSON
 MSTC K SILVA
 MST1 B S KASTINE
 MST1 S L CARDENAS
 MST2 C A BYRNE

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST(OS)

OSC E R NEEDLEMAN

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSC W K STOFFLE
 PSC W C SIMPSON
 PSC M L SMITH
 PSC J J SANCHEZ

YEOMAN(YN)

YNCS E E CELLINI
 YNC K J HEMPHILL
 YNC M J NAUMOVITZ
 YNC F A BERMAN

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements
 effective Sept. 1, 2009 from
 Enlisted Reserve Advancement
 Announcement (ERAA) No.
 009-09, ALCGRSV 041/09:*

BOATSWAIN'S MATE(BM)

BMCM J M
 TSCHANTZHAHN
 BMCM K J BROBST
 BMCS T A FULTON
 BMCS D J WASSLER
 BMC J P KNUDSEN
 BMC T G ROBERTSON

BMC G L FEISTER
 BMC R A SCHICHTEL
 BMC S P CROSSAN
 BMC D K WOLSKI
 BMC P L DIMARCO
 BM1 T P GADOMSKI
 BM1 R K MANDEL
 BM2 B S CUMMINGS
 BM2 W F SEHNERT
 BM2 P N FERGUSON
 BM2 B C JORDAN
 BM2 J L LONGO
 BM2 B A WOOD
 BM2 S K POPE
 BM2 J T SANTOLI

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN(DC)

DCC J PAGE
 DC1 J G WERNISING
 DC1 R A BERNAL

INVESTIGATOR(IV)

IVC B R RUSSELL
 IVC C TEJEDA

MACHINERY TECHNICIAN(MK)

MKC S C EDWARDS
 MKC M J PLANTE
 MKC R G HOOPER

MK2 G P STACKPOLE
 MK2 I J HILEMAN
 MK2 A B GAGNON

MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN(MST)

MSTC R L MORROW
 MSTC R J SCHRADER
 MSTC M S LIVINGSTON
 MST1 A N SEMONES
 MST1 J B COLLINS
 MST1 I J HOLLAN

PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST(PS)

PSCS D G GILMER
 PSC B P TREMELLING
 PSC C R WEAVER

STOREKEEPER(SK)

SKCM M C FOWLKES

*These ERAAs, including unit
 designations, are available on
 PPC's Web site:
<http://cgweb.ppc.uscg.mil/adv/eraa-web.xls>. Questions
 should be directed to YNCS
 Rony Harden, 785-339-3410;
Rony.Harden@uscg.mil.*

BM3 Thomas Sidik, left, displays his BM2 advancement certificate while CWO3 Zachery Cummings helps celebrate. The advancement ceremony took place before Coast Guard Day festivities at Station Fire Island, N.Y. Photo courtesy BMC Joseph Danaher, Station Fire Island, N.Y., USCGR



Photo by MCPO J. Labarre, Sector Hampton Roads CMC



LCDR Paul Frantz, Executive Officer of MSST Boston (91110), right, reads an advancement citation for Daniel Desai, who advanced to MST1 on June 5, 2009. Desai is a reservist on active duty at MSST Boston.

Retirements

RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

SEPTEMBER 2006

MKC GERALD RICE

MAY 2007

CDR RAYMOND M. PAETZOLD

SEPTEMBER 2007

CDR MICHAEL M. JACKSON

DECEMBER 2007

ET1 JOHN T. POWELL

JULY 2008

YNC JOHN W. WILLIAMS

JANUARY 2009

DC1 EDMOND J. FITZPATRICK

FEBRUARY 2009

LCDR CARLA A. CARLSON

MARCH 2009

LCDR JOSEPH V. GRANT
LCDR SUSAN M. VANCE
PSCM JAMES J. BISHOP
ET2 JOHN R. MCCUTCHEON

APRIL 2009

CDR DONALD W. CALKINS
LCDR SAMUEL J. KORSON
LCDR LINDA D. NEWBERN
LCDR FRANCIS T. TABATA
LT HENRY P. LIPIAN
LT DAVID E. MOORE
CWO4 JOSEPH A. ENGINGER
CWO3 PAULA J. MORE
MKCS CHARLES R. MCCAFFERTY
YNCS ELIZABETH MEYER
IVC WILLIAM M. GILLIAM
IVC STEPHEN J. JOHNSON
PSC MICHAEL B. BERLINSKI
BM1 STEVEN C. HENN
MK1 JIM B. HARGROVE
PS1 MARK W. CALDER
YN1 CONSTANCE M. DAVIS
DC2 DALLAS E. SEABOLDT
MST2 LUTHER L. LATNER
EM3 FRANK R. OGRADY

MAY 2009

CDR JOHN W. BOHLER
CDR STEPHEN J. BUKOWY
CDR JEFFREY M. FARWELL
CDR DANNY E. LEMON
CDR FRANCIS B. ORLANDO
LCDR STEPHAN M. BUNKER
LCDR RONALD P. CARR
LCDR THOMAS M. DOYLE
LT MAURICE L. DUBE
CWO4 WILLIAM D. ZERILLO



Photo by CWO3 E.J. Kruska, USCGR

MCPO William "Sam" Allred, left, is presented with a shadowbox at his retirement ceremony by CDR Leona Roszkowski, center, and LTJG Brock Nelson. The shadowbox tells the story of Allred's 32 years combined service in the USAF, USAFR and USCGR. Shipmates, family and friends honored Allred at Coast Guard Headquarters July 24, 2009, which included a "piped in" phone call during the ceremony from U.S. Rep. (CAPT) Howard Coble, of North Carolina, who served with Allred at Reserve Unit Greensboro during the 1980s. Allred's final tour was as Port Security Specialist Rating Force Master Chief, a position he relinquished to MCPO Tom McCook at the end of the hour-long ceremony. Allred's famous "home made" barbecue was enjoyed by all at a reception that followed.

JULY 2009

IVCM	PAUL B. MCELVEIN	CAPT	RAYMOND G. MEYER
PSCS	EDWARD G. WEUM	CAPT	MILLARD F. ROBERT
BMC	LEO T. REED	CDR	THOMAS D. FORBES
MKC	SANTIAGO E. SALDANA	CDR	D.G. HUENEFELD
MKC	FREDERICK R. SCHRUM	CDR	COLLIN LAU
PSC	EDWARD M. BOCCASSINI	CDR	ERNEST H. VANHOOSER
YNC	SUSAN L. SHELTON	LCDR	FRANK A. BLAHA
FS1	RONALD W. VENNARD	LCDR	JAMES N. LEWIS
OS1	RALPH S. SCHULZE	LT	GEORGE S. BEACH
SK1	RONALD I. BEVERS	LT	ANGELINE NOELANI
YN1	EDWIN W. SMALL	AETCM	JAMES T. WALTER
FS2	JOHN J. BACCARO	PACM	NORMAND T. DERAGON
DC2	HENRY E. GAMACHE	MKCS	JOHN L. CASE
PS2	PATRICK J. HEIFFERON	BMC	RAYMOND G. BEST

JUNE 2009

CDR	RAND D. LYMANGROVER
LCDR	DENNIS C. KUNCES
CWO4	DANIEL M. LARKIN
MKC	GREGORY L. PORTER
PSC	BERNARD K. MELEKIAN
SKC	JOHN C. RUUD
ET1	JAMES M. THIBODEAU
MK1	JIM B. HARGROVE
MK1	WILLIAM F. WILLIEN
OS1	PAUL. S. MCKIBBEN
YN1	DARRELL L. SPIDELL
BM2	ADRIANUS J. HOOYDONK
IT2	NEIL S. KAPP
OS2	MICHAEL A. SWIST

EMC	RICHARD C. WALTER
PSC	SAMUEL E. VILLANI
SKC	BRENDAA. BERRYHILL
SKC	MARVIN T. HUNTSMAN
BM1	CHARLES W. JOHNSON
BM1	GARY S. PETTIT
EM1	DWIGHT L. SMITH
MK1	FRANK E. GARCIA
MST1	CAROLINA V. ASIATICO
MST1	LAWRENCE D. TRZIL
PS1	STEVEN N. MAEDA
PS1	GORDON D. MOODY
YN1	DOROTHY F. DERAGON
YN1	THOMAS A. SAWYER
AMT2	JAMES A. SAUNDERS
BM2	WILLIAM E. LUYSER

BM2 WALTER P. WORKMAN
 MK2 PUAL L. DOUGLAS
 MK2 DENNIS R. PASSARETTI
 ET2 MICHAEL H. OLEARY
 OS2 EDWARD L. MAHER

YN1 KAREN A. WELSH
 BM2 TIMOTHY L. HOLMES
 BM2 ELLIS C. LARSON
 BM2 KARL W. MESSNER

RET-2 **(Retired Without Pay)**

APRIL 2009

CWO4 JOHN M. WESTBROOK
 DCCM PHILLIP A. JONES
 MSTCM JULES R. MEYER, III
 BMCS TERRY D. HOYER
 BMCS DAVID P. WRIGHT
 DCCS DANIEL J. KWIATKOWSKI
 GMC CHARLES W. WATKINS
 MKC PATRICK D. BOURQUE
 PSC STEVEN MCGILLICUDDY
 GM1 DENNIS M. ROMANO
 HS1 CHRIS J. MCALEAR
 PS1 CHRISTOPHER SHEVLIN
 SK1 CHARLES D. ZEARFOSS
 BM2 STEVEN W. BIRR
 EM2 MICHAEL T. CHARRON
 MST2 NORVAL J. BRATCHER
 MST2 RUTH E. SUTEHALL
 DC3 ROBERT A. STEPHENS
 DC3 KENNETH D. WILLIAMS

MAY 2009

LCDR JAMES S. FERSUSON
 LT PATRICK J. NEAL
 CWO3 JAMES A. WALL
 CWO2 WILLIAM S. GARDNER
 BMCM GEORGE E. STANLEY
 BMC WILLIAM M. LUX
 FSC RICHARD J. DELFINO
 YNC PAULETTE E. JOHNSON
 BM1 BRIAN W. MCCARRICK
 IT1 MAJORIE A. MARKHAM
 IV1 BOYCE W. FLOYD
 MST1 LUIS MENDEZ
 MST1 LAWRENCE D. TRZIL
 PS1 DAVID A. MCDANIEL

JUNE 2009

CDR ROYDON M. KOBAYASHI
 CWO4 SHARON D. DOGGETT
 SKCM NADINE J. GOOKIN
 SKCM ORLANDA G. WHITE
 IVC STEPHEN G. PIERCE
 PSC ROBERT K. ABBOTT
 SKC CALVIN A. BOSTON
 YNC JERRY M. LYONS
 HS1 TIMOTHY A. VORHIES
 MK1 RANDY H. MCHUGH
 PS1 KEITH E. HARMON
 BM2 CHARLES E. HUYLER
 SK2 LAURA J. SANNICOLAS

JULY 2009

CAPT DEBORAH A. DOMBECK
 CAPT MICHAEL F. MORIARTY
 CAPT KIMBERLY J. PICKENS
 CAPT PETER J. SAMMIS
 CDR LYNN J. DUMAS
 CDR FRANK FIUMANO
 CDR ANDY J. FORDHAM
 CDR PETER A. JENSEN
 CDR BRADFORD A. PORTER
 LCDR CATHERINE L. HUOT
 LT SHARI A. CROWLES
 CWO4 MAURICE A. COOPER
 CWO4 DEB KONESKOGILBERT
 IVC EDMUND KARASIEWICZ
 MSTC WILLIAM V. BENNETT
 ET1 MONICA MCCORMACK
 IT1 THERESA M. MILES
 PS1 CHRISTOPHER L. DUDLEY
 PS1 MARIA I ROTHROCK
 SK1 SANDRA M. MYHRE
 BM2 THOMAS J. GODFREY
 BM2 CHRISTIAN F. TRAMP

*Source: Ms. Linda S. Frank,
 Pay & Personnel Center (ras)*



Photo courtesy Jon Bernhardt

CWO4 Sharon Doggett, left, celebrates her retirement with Chief Grant Williams, USAF-Ret., an original member of the World War II Tuskegee Airman. During her remarks, Doggett offered thanks to Williams for his groundbreaking service as the reason she was able to successfully serve in the USCGR from 1979 to 2009.



Photo by SK1 Mike Maloney, USCGR(Ret.)

CAPT M.F. "Robbie" Roberts, left, celebrates his 32 years, three days of service with the USCGR at a retirement ceremony June 17, 2009 at ISC Seattle's Bear Room. Left to right are: CAPT Roberts, his wife Christine, daughter Emily, and RADM Mike Seward, PACAREA.



Photo by PA3 Mark Jones, Fifth District Public Affairs

CAPT Kim Pickens, center, displays a Meritorious Service Medal at her retirement ceremony May 22, 2009, at the Federal Building in Portsmouth, Va. Celebrating the moment are CAPT Andrea Contratto, Chief of Reserve Affairs (CG-131), left, and RADM Kevin Cook, Atlantic Area, Operations Command Implementation Team, right. Pickens was editor of THE RESERVIST from 1979-82, and served 30 years in the Coast Guard Reserve.



Photo courtesy CDR Andrea Palermo, USCG

CAPT Wayne Dumas, left, is presented with the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal along with his retirement certificate by VADM David Pekoske, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, who was also the presiding official. Dumas' retirement ceremony, held Aug. 20, 2009 at Coast Guard Headquarters, honored him for his 40 years of combined USCG/USCGR military service. He first enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1969.



• **RADM Olin A. "George" Lively, USCGR(Ref.)**, died of cancer on Monday, September 7, 2009. He served with distinction throughout his career and will be remembered as a remarkable leader and advocate for the Coast Guard. He was a 1952 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he was inducted into the USCG Athletic Hall of Fame. After



graduation, he served at various units of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, Long Beach, California and was underway on the CGC PONTCHARTRAIN, CGC DILIGENCE, CGC MINNETONKA, and CGC STORIS. In June 1955, then Lieutenant Lively was released from active duty. He maintained his commission in the Coast Guard Reserve, and earned promotions up to two star admiral. He retired on September 16, 1990. His responsibilities in the Coast Guard Reserve included service as Commanding Officer of three Reserve units in the First Coast Guard District, the Eighth Coast Guard District, and the Ninth Coast Guard District. He also served as Reserve Group Commander and Reserve District Inspector in the Eighth Coast Guard District. Rear Admiral Lively held membership in many organizations including: The Texas Association of Business; Plano Chamber of Commerce; American Management Association; Air Transport Association; American Public Transit Association; Chairman of the State and Federal Legislative Committee; Navy League, Dallas; Reserve Officers Association; Coast Guard Academy Sponsor Program; and the Coast Guard Academy's Broad Command Club. He is survived by his wife, Emma "Angie", and by his two children and his brother.

• **CAPT Walter F. Dudding, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 24, 2009, in Lakewood, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Dudding; a daughter, Joan Brown. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

• **CAPT Richard A. Petzold, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 5, 2009, in Wilbraham, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Petzold; a daughter, Donna Jordan.

• **CAPT Dorothy J. Gleason Evans, USCGR (SPARS)**, died on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at age 91. She served with devotion and dedication throughout her career and will be remembered as a patriot, joining the SPARS in February 1943 as an apprentice seaman. She received her commission in 1944, serving on active duty at various units of the First Coast Guard District, Fifth Coast Guard District, and the Ninth Coast Guard District. In 1946, she was released from active duty. She maintained her commission in the Coast Guard Reserve, and earned

promotions until she retired as Captain in 1978. She was a proponent for and led SPARS events. She held active membership in organizations including the Reserve Officers Association, SPARS, and was on the Board of Directors of the Retired Officers Association. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 21, 2009. She is preceded in death by her husband, Captain Fredrick J. Evans, USCG, her parents, two brothers, and two sisters and is survived by one sister.



• **CDR Stanley W. Dilloway, USCGR(Ref.)**, July 5, 2009, in Rochester, N.Y. He is survived by his son, Jon.

• **CDR Paul T. Duncanson, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 22, 2009, in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his son, Gary, and daughter, Debra. Interment Mendenhall, Miss.

• **CDR William L. Maner, Jr., USCGR(Ref.)**, May 19, 2009, in Williamsburg, Va. He is survived by his sons, William and Forbes.

• **LCDR Janet E. Berg, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 16, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Interment Grand Rapids, Mich.

• **LCDR Hosea L. Hoopingarner, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 10, 2009, in Wallace, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Debra Hoopingarner. Interment Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward, Calif.

• **LCDR Turner P. Jenkins II, USCGR(Ref.)**, 64, June 1, 2009, in Tarboro, N.C. He is survived by his wife, Sara Jenkins. A funeral service was held at Calvary Episcopal Church, Tarboro.

• **YNCM James E. Lawrence**, of Dumfries, Va., during March 2009. He served 26 years in the USCG, retiring in 1975. He was the first Senior Enlisted Advisor in the Eighth District. He is survived by three children, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

• **PSCS Bernard R. De Selm, USCGR(Ref.)**, June 6, 2009, at La Mesa, Calif. He is survived by his son, Luke.

• **QMCS John E. Fellows, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 25, 2009, in Loveland, Colo. He is survived by his wife, Helen Fellows.

• **MKC George W. Anderson, USCGR(Ref.)**, May 1, 2009, in Nathalie, Va. He is survived by his wife, Viola Anderson; daughter Marcella Brown.

• **PSC Joseph W. Wright, USCGR**, Sept. 4, 2009, in



Members of the Coast Guard Honor Guard render military honors for GM1 Ryan Seward during a memorial service held in Puyallup, Wash., Aug. 10, 2009. The flag is folded for RADM Gary Blore, Commander, 13th Coast Guard District, to present to Seward's wife, Karin. Seward, a member of Coast Guard PSU 313 based in Tacoma, Wash., was killed Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2009, after being struck by an alleged drunk driver. Seward left behind a wife and three children.

Memphis, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Lynn Wright and his daughters, Julia and Elizabeth.

- **SKC Charles L. Lake, USCGR(Ref.),** April 12, 2009, in San Jose, Costa Rica. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zoraida Lake.

- **PS1 Thomas P. Cullen, USCGR(Ref.),** June 3, 2009, in Yonkers, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Doris. Interment Yonkers, N.Y.

- **PS1 Gregory L. Hayes, USCGR,** July 21, 2009, in Chesapeake, Va. He is survived by his wife, Zelihea Hayes.

- **BM2 William V. McGoldrick, USCGR(Ref.),** July 10, 2009, in Peabody, Mass. He is survived by his son, William. Interment Winthrop, Mass.

- **EM2 James A. Morrison,** of Selinsgrove, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Morrison; a daughter, Sheryl Rathfon. He was preceded in death by two sons, Bruce and Gary.

- **MK2 Jesse M. King, USCGR(IRR),** July 1, 2009, from drowning while kayaking in Cambria, Calif. MK2 King was buried at sea.

- **MK2 Henrik Sallstrom, USCGR(Ref.),** June 27, 2009, in

Spokane, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Rebeca Sallstrom.

- **PS2 Frank P. Winton, USCGR(Ref.),** July 8, 2009, in Mesquite, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Winton.

- **BM3 Anthony J. Yando, USCGR(Ref.),** June 21, 2009, in Teaticket, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Mary Yando.

- **HS3 Donald L. Gordon, USCGR(Ref.),** June 14, 2009, in Eureka, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Velma Gordon.

- **PS3 John S. Mendolia, USCGR(Ref.),** July 7, 2009, in Long Island, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine. Interment Calverton, N.Y.

- **Bernard Webber, USCG(Ref.),** 80, Jan. 29, 2009, in Melbourne, Fla. Webber began his 20-year career in the Coast Guard in 1946 and was the coxswain of a 36-foot motorized, wooden lifeboat during the historic rescue of the crew of the Pendleton, a 520-foot tanker, off the coast of Chatham, Mass., Feb. 18, 1952, where 32 lives were saved in the midst of 60-foot seas and winds exceeding 50 miles per hour. A memorial service was held May 9, 2009 at Wellfleet United Methodist Church, Wellfleet, Mass.

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Calling All Port Security Specialists!

One day several weeks ago, I was watching an old "cop" movie on Turner Classic Movies. I was amused when the police dispatcher put out a call for service in a long droning voice... "zzzz calling all cars zzzz". That dispatch subsequently turned into the turmoil of a high-speed chase, car wrecks and a major firefight. Now that I think about it, that retort is a great segway into discussion of the merger of the Port Security Specialist (PS) rating into the new Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) rating.

So "zzzz calling all PS's zzzz!" If you haven't heard or need a reminder, in an All Hands Message dated 23210Z JUN 08, the COMDT announced that the Port Security Specialist Rating will integrate into the Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) rating when it is stood up on Jan. 1, 2010. An ME Implementation Team has been hard at work designing a lateral process to the ME rating for current PS's and for reservists from other ratings who are seeking to lateral to ME.

Now, this is where I really need your attention to belay the turmoil. Every PS, whether electing to lateral to the new ME rating, or to another rating, must take **"positive action"** to initiate a lateral. ALCOAST 348/09 gives members

"Every PS, whether electing to lateral to the new ME rating, or to another rating, must take "positive action" to initiate a lateral. ALCOAST 348/09 gives members with advance notice of lateral options, timelines and procedures availed to them regarding the ME rating and options for those of you who do not wish to become part of this new rating."

with advance notice of lateral options, timelines and procedures availed to them regarding the ME rating and options for those of you who do not wish to become part of this new rating. These lateral application packages should be submitted by Oct. 1, 2009 and you will be asked to designate a primary

and secondary rating choice in one combined application. Lateral decisions will be published sometime in November 2009 after review of individual credentials and an accounting of the health of the Coast Guard work force. So please pay close attention to all message traffic and future PS Force Notes regarding this issue. Save yourself from the high-speed chases and car wrecks.

In closing, please join me in

wishing "fair winds and following seas" to our good friend, colleague and PS-Rating Force Master Chief, MECM Sam Allred. He has been a tireless advocate during this process and tour as our RFMC. He has had a lengthy and distinguished military career and was honored at a retirement ceremony July 24 at Headquarters.. We also say, "welcome aboard" to PSCM Tom McCook on his selection as the PS-RFMC for 2009-11. MCPO McCook is serving along side MECM Gordon Muise during this transition process.



By
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